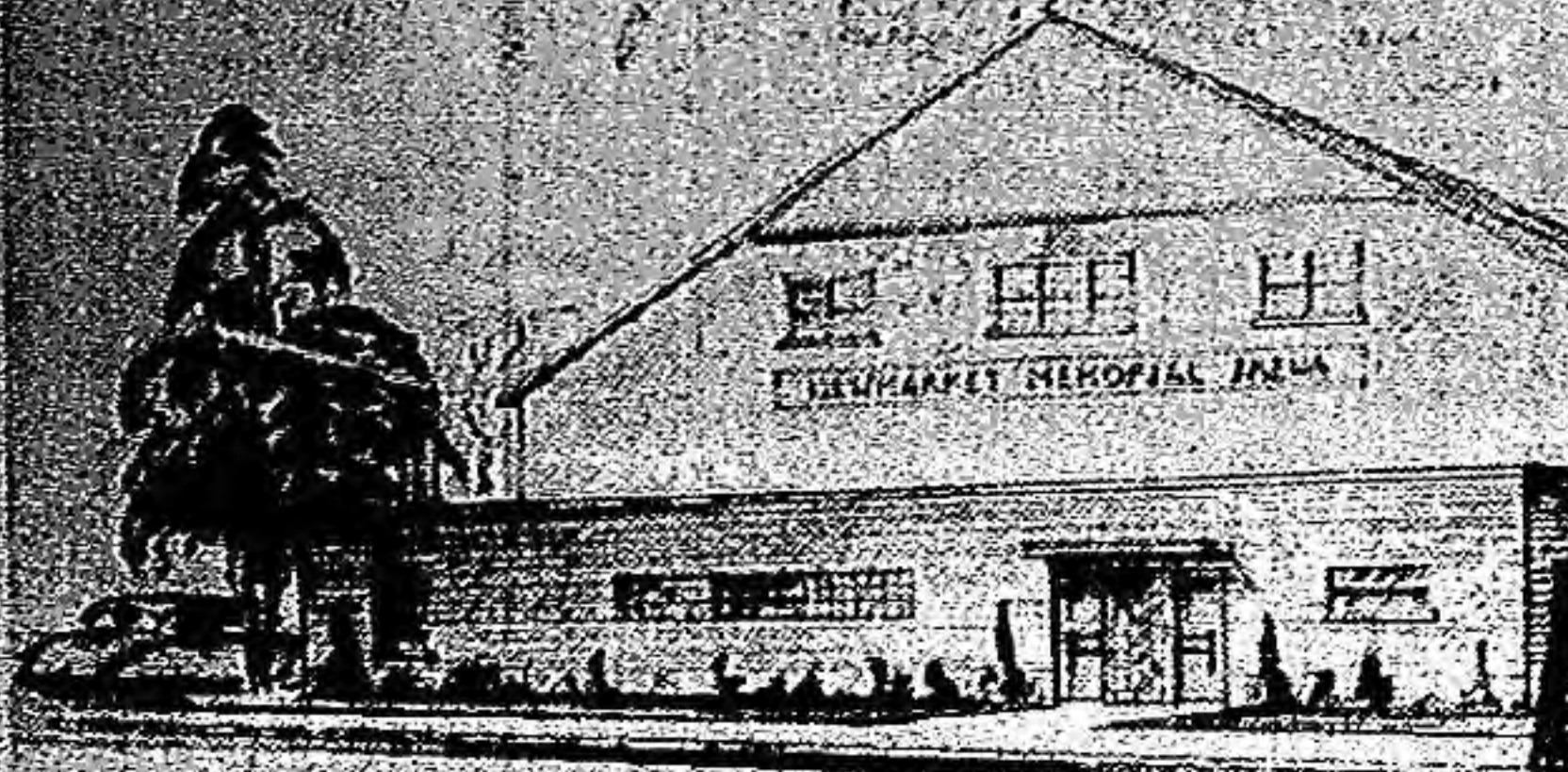


LEAGUE OPENER IN ARENA THURS.



Along with the installation of artificial ice, extensive renovation work is being done on the Newmarket Community Memorial Arena. Pictured above is the arena which will appear when the work is completed. Although the work is still in progress, the new arena will be ready for the league opener on Thursday night.

Your Contribution, Big or Small Means A Happier Christmas

2nd Of 3 Generations With Firemen, Jas. Gibson Honored

The name Gibson has been associated with the Newmarket fire department for 100 years. Three generations have been represented on the brigade as volunteers.

Last Friday night, at the firemen's second annual Christmas party, James Gibson, who represents the second generation of Gibson firemen, was presented with a gift by the department. The presentation was in honor of the 60th anniversary of his joining the Newmarket fire brigade.

Jimmy Gibson retired as an active volunteer some years ago but the third generation of Gibsons is now represented by his son, John Gibson.

With its second year, the firemen's Christmas party has become a tradition. All of the department members, their wives and children as well as several invited guests were present at the Christmas party in the Scout hall. There were musicians, magicians, lots of good food and Santa Claus. All the children were properly introduced to the old gentleman with whiskers.

"The firemen really gave those kids a good time Friday night. You should have seen those fire trucks the kids got from Santa," said one guest. "Those firemen are really doing a good Christmas job."

Members of the town council attended the party.

Get Full Support In Hospital Appeal Canvass Begun - Byers

"The canvass is underway and we are getting 100 percent co-operation from everyone we approach," reported George M. Byers, chairman of the Hospital for Sick Children's Building Fund committee in Newmarket. Mr. Byers said he would be in a position to give a complete report on the progress of the fund next week.

The Hospital for Sick Children requires an additional \$4 million to complete its building program. An earlier appeal raised \$8 million, including a total contribution of \$12,020 from Newmarket. Since then, rising building costs have increased the cost of the hospital buildings to \$12 million.

Highlights of the current campaign in Newmarket have been the contribution of \$1,000 from the Office Specialty Mfg. Co. Ltd. in addition to \$2,500 contributed by that firm earlier. The workers at Davis Leather Co. Ltd. have contributed \$400. The Newmarket branch of the Women's Institute has given \$10.

Typical of the fine support the campaign is receiving in Newmarket is the contribution of \$25 received anonymously before the canvass got underway from a Main St. merchant. "It was the first contribution we received and the fact that it was unsolicited indicates the feeling which Newmarket people have towards the Hospital for Sick Children," said Mr. Byers.

Contributions can be left at any of the banks or The Era and Express Office.

Give Town Workers 7 Days Sick Leave

The Newmarket town employees will be entitled to a sick leave of seven working days a year in the future. Town council passed a resolution Monday night stipulating the seven days a year and also that they be non-accumulative. An employee must be working for one year before he is entitled to the benefit.

Council discussed pensions and sick leave benefits during a large part of the meeting. Mayor Vale stated that he did not feel that it was right to dock a man's pay when he is sick if he has been employed for many years. On the other hand, some councillors said that it is not right that employees have such benefits as accumulative sick leave when a large percentage of taxpayers do not enjoy the same benefit.

Benefits exist in certain types of employment, such as civil service, whereby employees save

up a large amount of accumulative sick leave. Sick leave could total up to months after years of service. The general view of council was to give employees fair treatment in cases of sickness but not to go to extremes where by employees might misuse the benefits.

Newmarket Approves County Health Unit With Taxation

The plan for a health unit service in York county, Vaughan, East Gwillimbury, Markham, King and Whitechurch townships have been accepted by the council with the approval of the board of health. Although Newmarket has agreed to take part in the plan which was designed to take in 14 county municipalities outside of Toronto, there are aspects which do not suit some councillors and board members.

Eight municipalities besides Newmarket have agreed to plan for a health unit service in York county. Vaughan, East Gwillimbury, Markham, King and Whitechurch townships have turned it down.

All members of council voted in favor of accepting the health unit plan; the mayor voted against it. After a long discussion with the board of health, Deputy Reeve J. L. Spillette said that he and the reeve were in the embarrassing position of having agreed with the health plan two years ago. The council had already approved of the plan previously.

The chief argument against the plan was from Dr. L. W. Dales, M.O.H. Although he approved of joining the unit, Dr. Dales said that public services such as health and education are becoming centralized and it is taking too much control from the municipalities. All the control is going down to Queen's Park, he said.

Mayor Jos. Vale also expressed dissatisfaction with the idea of centralized control. "If you ask me, the province has not done such a hot job on restaurant inspection and hydro inspection since they have been taken over," said the mayor.

One of the board of health's suggestions was to keep close watch on the activities of the unit when it starts operation and observe whether Newmarket's health service standards are lowered or not. The board also suggested keeping some kind of local board to discuss the health unit service from Newmarket's point of view.

"I am in favor of the unit if council would do a little missionary work in the northern townships to get their support for having it in Newmarket," said Dr. Dales. Councilor Lorrie Paynter agreed.

"I would not like to see Newmarket lower its standards of health service for the sake of anyone but on the other hand I would like to see some of the townships get benefits which they have been without for a long time," said the doctor.

Reeve Arthur Evans said, "We want those youngsters in other townships to have the same care as Newmarket children."

"You can give away your house and your car and have nothing left," asserted Dr. Dales. "On matters of health," said Mr. Spillette, "a health unit could come in and police the town, taking on arbitrary methods."

Dr. Dales declared, "A health unit won't have any more arbitrary authority than an M.O.H. It's written down in the act."

"One advantage of the unit," said R. C. Morrison, "is that all the personnel will have special

Pay Increase For Town Councillors

The retiring member of the Newmarket council, R. C. Morrison, submitted a resolution at council meeting Monday night that councillors receive \$5 for every council meeting and \$2 for every committee meeting.

Mr. Morrison said that he had served on council for four years and had some idea of the work that is required in public office. Mayor Jos. Vale said that he would maintain the council fee at \$5 for every meeting up to \$25 for every meeting up to \$50 for every meeting up to \$75 for every meeting up to \$100 for every meeting up to \$125 for every meeting up to \$150 for every meeting up to \$175 for every meeting up to \$200 for every meeting up to \$225 for every meeting up to \$250 for every meeting up to \$275 for every meeting up to \$300 for every meeting up to \$325 for every meeting up to \$350 for every meeting up to \$375 for every meeting up to \$400 for every meeting up to \$425 for every meeting up to \$450 for every meeting up to \$475 for every meeting up to \$500 for every meeting up to \$525 for every meeting up to \$550 for every meeting up to \$575 for every meeting up to \$600 for every meeting up to \$625 for every meeting up to \$650 for every meeting up to \$675 for every meeting up to \$700 for every meeting up to \$725 for every meeting up to \$750 for every meeting up to \$775 for every meeting 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Officers elected at the annual meeting of the Progressive-Conservative Association for North York at Armour Heights public school December 10 were: pres., Earl Toole; vice presidents, Jack Hurst, John Perry, Reginald Soward, C. H. Hooper, Ross Douglas, William Hanna, Bert S. Wemp; sec., Floyd E. Corner; assist. sec., Howard D. Case; treas., Frank Reeves.

KESWICK

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hamilton returned on Tuesday from Canington where they have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Gordon McEachern.

W.A. Meeting
Keswick United church Women's Association regular meeting was held on December 14 in the Sunday-school room. Rev. Campbell conducted the election of the following officers: hon. pres., Mrs. Jim Wright; pres., Mrs. F. A. Morton; first vice pres., Mrs. Winston Prosser; second vice pres., Mrs. T. J. Johnston; recording sec., Mrs. Gordon Carr; corr. sec., Mrs. O. M. King; treas., Mrs. Royden Connell; pianists, Mrs. Harold Pollard, Miss Eva Gilroy; auditors, Mrs. H. Pollard, Mrs. P. W. Mahoney; temperance sec., Mrs. F. Marritt; Victor Home sec., Miss Eva Gilroy; flower committee, Mrs. Orvan Huntley, Mrs. Ernest Taylor;

Manse committee, Mrs. Dan McGenerty, Mrs. Waldon, Mrs. Perry Winch, Mrs. Holborn, Mrs. White, Mrs. O. M. King and the president of Ravenshoe W.A.; visiting committee, Mrs. Waldon, Mrs. Lloyd Sedore, Mrs. McGenerty, Mrs. Gable, Mrs. Leslie Morton, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Grant; Group leaders: Mrs. Clark Martin, Mrs. Grant, Miss Gilroy, Mrs. McGenerty, Mrs. P. Winch, Mrs. F. Marritt, Mrs. Jack Baines and Mrs. Art King, Mrs. P. W. Mahoney, Mrs. Erwin Winch and Mrs. Ken Boothby.

Wednesday evening, Jan. 11, is the annual meeting of Keswick United church and the W.A. is planning a pot luck supper for that night. The regular W.A. meeting will be in the afternoon. It was also planned to have a shower of 15-cent and 25-cent articles for the fish pond at the February meeting. An apron shower for the March meeting and a miscellaneous shower in April. All these showers are for the bazaar in July.

HOLLAND LANDING

The United church Sunday-school will meet at 2.15 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 25, and will worship with the church congregation. Come and enjoy this service on Christmas Sunday.

The United church Sunday-school concert held in the Community hall was much enjoyed by all present. The superintendent would like to thank the pupils and teachers who worked to make this concert the success it was.

UNION STREET

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Diceman were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Howard and family, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan and family, Schomberg, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walsh, Cheltenham, Mr. and Mrs. John Diceman and family of Brampton and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Burns and family of Sutton West.

Mrs. Frank Graham is still at York county hospital but hopes to come home this weekend.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sedore last Wednesday night when members of the Institute and their families gathered for an evening of cards. Winners were: ladies' first, Mrs. M. Woodward; second, Mrs. W. Beckett; third, Mrs. F. Perry; men's first, Mr. E. Micks; second, Mr. F. Graham; third, Mr. W. Case.

FROM 'PLEASANT VALLEY'

Ohio Author, Conservationist Bromfield To Address Crop Ass'n

With the need for soil conservation stressed in both Canada and the United States, Louis Bromfield, Ohio farmer-lecturer-author and a conservationist of world-wide fame, should be a real drawing card as an after-dinner speaker.

Mr. Bromfield today lives on a farm which has been developed

from 600 acres made up of five badly run-down eroded and inefficiently operated farms, into one successful establishment of 1,000 acres.

On January 19, this wizard of land reclamation will be guest speaker at the Ontario Crop Improvement Association's banquet in the King Edward Hotel. He will also address an O.A.C. alumni luncheon in the Royal York hotel on January 20.

Malabar Farm, which is the name of his Ohio homestead, is operated most successfully on a co-operative basis. Workers on the farm share in profits and enjoy an abundance of vegetables, meat and other farm products. And his 30-room home is the mecca for displaced persons as well as agricultural experts from all parts of the world.

"The valley in which Malabar farm is situated, was a paradise for the Indians 45 years ago," he says in his book, "Malabar Farm." He left the valley when he was 15 and did not return for 25 years. He found conditions bad. Mill-dams had been carried away by floods. Pools had vanished, silted up with mud. The soil had failed miserably and many farmers had moved out.

In his books, "Pleasant Valley" and "Malabar Farm," Mr. Bromfield outlines a method of farming which at first was regarded with suspicion and criticism by many agriculturists of both Can-

ada and the United States. Yet these methods have been carried out with great success on his 1,000-acre farm for over nine years. Soil preservation and maintenance have been the basis of his plan. Today it is the outstanding showplace of agriculture.

He is a firm believer in the axiom that "production and efficiency makes rich farmers just as it does rich industrialists".

And he demonstrated that his ideas are sound. Today he operates his large farm on a streamlined basis and he can show visitors acres and acres of reclaimed land which had been abandoned by former owners as worthless. Still a young man, he was born in December, 1896. He went to college to study agriculture but turned to writing and eventually graduated from Columbia's school of journalism. He spent several years in the army, beginning as an ambulance driver for the French, later becoming special liaison officer between the French and British.

Returning to the United States he joined the staff of the New York City News and later the Associated Press. He afterwards became foreign editor and music critic with "Musical America" and then branched into theatrical production as assistant to a New York producer. He was also one of the original members of Time Magazine staff.

CORRECTION

Mrs. George Walsh, not Mrs. George Walker as reported, won the table decoration prize at a recent Mount Albert Women's Institute meeting. The editor regrets any inconvenience caused by this misunderstanding.

Legion News

Arrangements have been completed for all the Newmarket Legion holiday doings. On December 23 there is to be a Christmas party for Legion members and their wives. There will be dancing, games and refreshments. From December 27 to 30 Open House will be held every evening for members and their families. There will be euchre, bridge as well as refreshments and all members are urged to come one or more evenings. The Ladies' Auxiliary is holding a euchre on Thursday, Jan. 5. January 9 is election night and installation of officers will follow the election. Harry Glover, commander of district E, will be chairman. This is an important night in Legion affairs.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Edvena Proctor

Newmarket was bereft of one of its most respected ladies in the passing of Mrs. Edvena Proctor, widow of the late John H. Proctor, who died at her home, Arden Ave., after a short illness.

One of 12 children of the late John and Rosanna Manning, Mrs. Proctor was born in Newmarket March 22, 1859, and lived all her life in this community. She was a member of the Christian Baptist church and is survived by six children, Fred, Walter, Clara, Newmarket, Mrs. L. Cowieson (Edna), Mrs. W. F. Magee (Beatrice), Toronto, and Eugene, Brantford, and 20 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the funeral chapel of Roadhouse and Rose on Friday afternoon by Rev. Fred Breckon assisted by Rev. A. Greer, Weston, a former pastor. Pallbearers were six grandsons, William, Harrison, Gordon and Harold Proctor and Donald and Bruce Cowieson.

KETTLEBY FORUM

Kettleby Farm Forum held a delightful Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Webster on Monday evening. Nearly every member was present. After listening to the forum broadcast, the sending of a Christmas box to a gentleman of the community who is hospitalized was discussed. This practice of giving and sharing is a common practice among forum people the year round. This discussion was followed by a Christmas program. The secretary, Mrs. Murray Cook, was presented with a lovely gift by Mrs. F. Schmidt on behalf of the other members, thanking her for all her efforts during the past year. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Woods.



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Town Has Property To Extend Muriel Ave.

A road between the army camp subdivision and Gorham St. can now be laid out. The necessary property has been obtained by the town to extend Muriel Ave. which now runs a short distance south of Srigley St., to continue and meet Gorham St.

There has been no connecting road between the camp and Gorham St. To get to the east end of Gorham, travelling from the subdivision it is necessary to go west to Charlotte or Prospect St. With the extension of the new road, it would enable buses to operate along Gorham St. At present there is no means for a bus to turn around on Gorham St. on a regular route.

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was a time of great rejoicing for ancient sun worshippers who built bonfires to give strength to the "winter sun-god".

Pre-Christian Romans ornamented their homes with green boughs and flowers for the Feast of Saturnalia which began December 19. Druids gathered mistletoe for that season, while ancient Saxons used holly, ivy and bay. Modern mistletoe and holly wreaths come from those peoples.

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"Don't worry about that. I'm so happy you came." Barbara smiled and helped Avis remove her snow-covered garments.

"Oh, I wouldn't have missed coming for all the world," Avis said, and meant it, now that she was actually there. Her dark eyes swept the attractive, decorated home, and the inviting fire that roared about huge logs in an immense fireplace in the room beyond.

"I hope you'll enjoy yourself, Avis," Barbara said. "My guests have not all arrived. Would you like to go up to your room first and—"

"Take the shine from my nose! Yes, thanks so much," Avis responded eagerly, knowing that she needed a few repairing touches after the long trip out to the Carron home by bus.

As she ascended the stairs she thought, how right Barbara had been when she'd told her the other day, after inviting her to her home for the weekend and a Christmas party. "You can't stay in your apartment alone on Christmas. You can't become a recluse just because some fellow preferred another girl to you. You should start all over again."

Barbara was like that. At times Avis couldn't help envying Barbara's carefree, unstable attitude toward men. Barbara would never know the sting of loneliness, the bitter yearning for someone who had become the purpose of life itself.

Avis hadn't told Barbara, nor anyone, everything about her acquaintance with Steve Ross. She hadn't even told Barbara his name. There was no point in going into detail and revealing: "I crossed three states just to get away from the sight of him constantly with the new blonde who came to town."

Avis could hear Barbara's response to such a revelation. "No battle was ever won by an army of cowards!"

But Avis wasn't built that way. She had pride, and from observation she'd learned that one-sided marriages never panned out.

As she ran a comb through her short dark hair she thought of Steve. It had been two months since she left the little town of Allen Glen. He and Ann were married now of course. They'd spend their first Christmas together.

Her eyes filmed, but she quickly brushed aside the threat of tears and hurried from the room to join Barbara and her guests below. She was glad she'd come. She wouldn't have a chance to think of Steve.

Avis started down the stairs but stopped midway when she saw Steve Ross smiling up at her from the hall below.

He said, "I'm not a ghost, Avis! Merry Christmas, and—well, aren't you glad to see me?" He looked uncertain.

Avis moved down the stairs. But I didn't know you knew Barbara—"

Steve reached for her hands. "Our dads were acquaintances away back," he said. "Was it quite fair for you to skip town, Avis, and not say a word about where you were going?"

"I—I didn't think you'd miss me," Avis stammered.

"Miss you?" He pressed her hands. "Avis, what's that old saying about absence makes the heart grow fonder? Anyway, I've had a terrible time tracking you down until I thought of Barbara."

"Barbara never said a word," Avis said, still amazed.

Steve chuckled. "She's a regular cupid. She told me to come tonight and explain more fully about the run-away girl I was trying to find. Then after I got here she told me to wait in the hall, there'd be a Christmas gift appear on the stairs. I suspected then, of course."

Avis laughed, and her eyes glowed as they lifted to meet Steve's. "Christmas gift indeed!" she said.

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The English walnut, for instance, is not English at all. It originated in Asia centuries ago and was called "the food of the gods".

The round little filbert and the almond came from the Old World. Other nuts, so familiar at Christmas, the hickory nut, the black walnut and the chestnut, to say nothing of the pecan, are strictly American. The pecan is native to America and is found nowhere else. Two other American nuts worthy of mention are the chestnut and the butternut.

Christmas Music
By Bach, Handel

For a great many people the music of Bach and Handel make difficult listening—until Christmas comes around. Then, suddenly, everybody starts singing and humming tunes by the two old masters.

The reason for this is that both Bach and Handel were church musicians. One of their tasks was to compose songs for church congregations to sing. They proved themselves masters of beautiful, easily followed melodies in their Christmas music. Our most famous Christmas oratorios and carols came from Bach and Handel.

"How Brightly Beams the Morning Star" was composed by Bach and his "Christmas Oratorio" contains the themes of several other popular chorales.

In almost every town and village in America this Christmas a church choir will render at least a portion of George Frederick Handel's the "Messiah". When carolers sing "Joy to the World" they'll be singing part of the "Messiah" too, for that carol comes from themes found in the great oratorio. Handel also composed the musical theme of "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks".

It is a strange fact, but both Bach and Handel were born in 1685, lived for many years within 30 miles of each other, and never met. Yet today, the Christmas music they wrote is sung by men, women and children in countless churches of many faiths all over the world.

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Columbus Unlucky On Christmas Eve

America's first Christmas was celebrated by Christopher Columbus. It happened on Christmas eve of the memorable year 1492.

Columbus was planning to observe the Feast of the Nativity with the Indian chieftain, Guacanagari, who ruled over the island of Haiti. Already he had received fine presents from the chief who he believed to be the great Khan of Cipango, that fabulous realm of the Orient. Columbus mistakenly thought he had found.

But Columbus' plans went wrong. He was so tired from long watches while the Santa Maria cruised the island channels that he retired to his cabin for a nap. While he was sleeping, the next in command also decided to take a rest and went below. The helmsman, as tired as the others, decided that he deserved a rest as much as they and turned the tiller over to a cabin boy.

Abandon Ship

The worst happened. Within a few minutes the Santa Maria was fast on a reef. The rolling surf drove the ship higher and higher upon the reef and opened her seams. Soon she fell over on her side and the water poured into her hull. Columbus and the crew were forced to seek refuge in his other ship, the Nina.

Early next morning Columbus sent word of the wreck to Chief Guacanagari. Promptly the chief sent a message to Columbus assuring him that he would give him all the assistance possible.

The noble chieftain was better than his word. He assembled a great flotilla of canoes and despatched them to the Santa Maria to bring all its valuables ashore. Amid the cargo the natives saw many things that made their eyes open wide with envy. Yet so strong was their friendship for the white men and so careful Guacanagari's supervision that not a single article was stolen. Christmas Banquet

After the last article had been brought ashore, Guacanagari had

another plan. His guests had missed Christmas, but there was no reason why Columbus and the men should not enjoy the finest banquet he and his followers could provide.

There was game from the woods, lobster and fish from the sea; and all sorts of tropical fruits and vegetables. A thousand natives danced in Columbus' honor after the feasting and the climax of the ceremonies came when the chief brought out a coronet of gold and placed it upon Columbus' head. There were also presents of gold for the crew.

In the journal which he was keeping for Ferdinand and Isabella, Columbus wrote: "These people love their neighbors as themselves; their discourse is ever sweet and gentle, and accompanied by a smile. I swear to your majesties, there is not in the world a better nation or land."

Spirit Of Santa Claus

Santa Claus is one of the most precious wonders of childhood. American mothers overwhelmingly agree that he should be portrayed as the spirit of generosity, kindness and gift-giving. Although the modern conception of Santa Claus is American, the Spirit of Santa Claus is neither modern nor American. The real Saint Nicholas lived in Asia Minor and ever since his death in 343 stories concerning him have been repeated around the firesides of Europe.

The children of Lapland and northern climates naturally picture Santa dressed in fur and dashing through the snow in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. But in central Europe, St. Nicholas first appeared on his liturgical feast day, December 6, and he was a thin, austere churchman who rode a mule and carried gifts for good children and a bundle of birch rods with which to switch the naughty. Under Dutch influence St.

Eventually, ancient legends were woven into American Christmas traditions. Washington Irving sent St. Nicholas, flying through Christmas skies in a reindeer-drawn sleigh in 1809; Dr. Clement Moore's poem "The Night Before Christmas," written in 1822, gave Santa a little round belly that shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly; and a series of drawings in 1863 by Thomas Nast added much to the traditional pictures and appearance of the Santa we see today.

In every youngster's life there comes the time when he begins to suspect that the various bewhiskered gentlemen, so numerous during this season, are not exactly the real Santa Claus. Wise parents advance the "helper" theory as soon as they are asked questions and teach their children to make the Christmas dreams of less fortunate tots and their families come true.

Thus, the real Santa Claus isn't just myth or legend. He is the Spirit of Christmas who lives in the sparkling eyes of children and in the hearts of all grown-ups who strive for peace and goodwill among men.

Magi Were Priests Of Persian Religion

Along about this time of the year there's a lot written, said and sung about the Magi. Just who were the Magi, anyway?

The Magi were priests of an ancient Persian religion called Zoroastrianism. The Greek historian Herodotus gives a favorable account of them and their influence in a society which existed 400 years before Christ's birth.

According to Herodotus the Magi were powerful in public and private affairs. They conducted the education of the young princes, and were in constant attendance upon the king as counselors.

This description of a Magi appears in the sacred writing of Zoroaster: "Thou shouldst call him priest, who sills the whole night thru and years for holy wisdom that enables man to stand upon death's bridge fearless and with happy heart, the wisdom whereby he attains the holy and glorious world of paradise."

The three Magi, or Wise Men, who followed the Star of Bethlehem and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child remain nameless, but they were the first to recognize the importance of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Flowers Are Part Of Christmas Legends

There are several flowers appropriate during the Yuletide season which are connected with the birth of Christ by the legends of history.

Saintfoin, or "Holy Hay" is said to have cradled the infant Christ in the manger. The snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas.

According to legend, the Christmas rose was divinely created. A shepherd maid wept at having no gift to lay before the Babe in the manger. Suddenly an angel appeared to her. On hearing why the maiden wept, the angel touched the ground where her tears had fallen and immediately the place was white with Christmas roses, which the maid gathered and laid in the manger.

The chrysanthemum is said to have appeared first on Christmas Eve near the manger as a sign to the Wise Men that they had reached the spot where the star had hidden them.

"Christmas Carol"

The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap.
His hair was like a light.
(O weary, weary were the world
But here is all aright.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast.
His hair was like a star.
(O stern and cunning are the kings,
But here the true hearts are.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart.
His hair was like a fire.

(O weary, weary is the world,
But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee.
His hair was like a crown,

And all the flowers looked up at him,
And all the stars looked down.

—G. K. Chesterton.

Don't let airline distances fool you. They're not always the shortest distance between two points, but rather the length of routes usually followed by aircraft in good weather.

SOMEONE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

By CARLE FREEMAN

The little gift shop was crowded when Nancy entered it, but almost immediately she noticed Larry Bryant. She sensed the usual disturbance at sight of him, and recalling the trend of her thoughts for the past several minutes brought a flush of warmth to her cheeks. She'd been thinking, somewhat resentfully, as she went along the busy streets of the little town, how unfair it was that Christmas had come before she could get acquainted with someone in Davenshire — Larry Bryant, for instance, departmental head at the electric plant where she worked. Christmas wasn't Christmas unless it could be shared with someone.

And now Larry was standing at the dish counter deciding about a pair of little green rabbit salt and pepper shakers. It didn't matter particularly that he'd buy the shakers — aside from the significance of such an act — but she'd had her own heart set on them more or less for a week. Larry had been in the shop every afternoon that she'd been there, but this was his first time at the dish counter. The little shakers were as good as gone.

The other day when she'd looked at them, the sales girl had said, "Better buy them. These are the last ones, and they are a bargain at eight dollars. They came all the way from Sweden."

"I know," Nancy had said, but she had thought they'd be an extravagance and look out of place on the little table in her corner kitchenette at Lil Ransom's old rooming house. Then there'd be no one to admire them — only herself.

"They'd might be gone the next time Nancy went back to the little gift shop. Every afternoon for a week they'd been there, as if waiting for her to make up her mind to buy them.

Nancy held her breath as she watched Larry from a distance. For now she knew that if he didn't take the shakers, she'd buy them herself.

But even as Nancy watched, she saw him hand the shakers to a clerk.

She tried to push her disappointment aside and select an inexpensive little gift for one of her co-workers at the plant. Tomorrow was Christmas Eve, and the employees and officials of the plant had drawn names as part of a gift-giving program they'd planned to have about the huge, gayly decorated tree in the arched entrance.

Nancy dreaded the occasion, more so now than before. She regretted the day she'd left her home town to take a better job in Davenshire. Why hadn't she waited until after Christmas to make the change?

When the time came the next day for the program, Nancy took the gift that was handed to her and slipped from the crowd. She wouldn't be missed, she thought bitterly, as she hurried from the building. Snow fell softly about her in a gentle burst from the dark sky, and the ring of voices from the plant followed her in a kind of haunting, sad beauty.

Inside her apartment she looked down at the gayly wrapped package in her hands through a blur of tears. It was the only Christmas gift she'd receive, and it had been given only because someone had drawn her name.

She unwrapped the package, and suddenly the blur cleared to reveal the little green rabbit salt and pepper shakers with the long, saucy ears — one up and one limping down provocatively.

Her heart thrummed in her throat. Larry had drawn her name. But the cost of the gifts they were to exchange was not to go over twenty-five cents!

Lil Ransom called up the stairs "You're wanted on the phone, and 'tis a man."

Nancy placed the little shakers carefully on the table and turned to the door. The hum of "Silent Night" came from Lil Ransom's radio up the sweep of stairs, and Nancy found herself singing the words softly as she dashed down them, for she knew even before she heard his voice who was waiting for her on the telephone.

Have Christmas Tree Stand In Water

Christmas trees, like flowers, will respond to being kept with the base in the water. Here are two simple things to do if you want your tree to stay green and fresh.

Buy a tree which has been cut as recently as possible.

Cut off the end of the trunk diagonally, at least one inch above the original cut. This will expose a moist surface which will absorb water. Stand the trunk of the tree in water at once, and, if it is not to be taken into the house for several days, keep it in a cool place.

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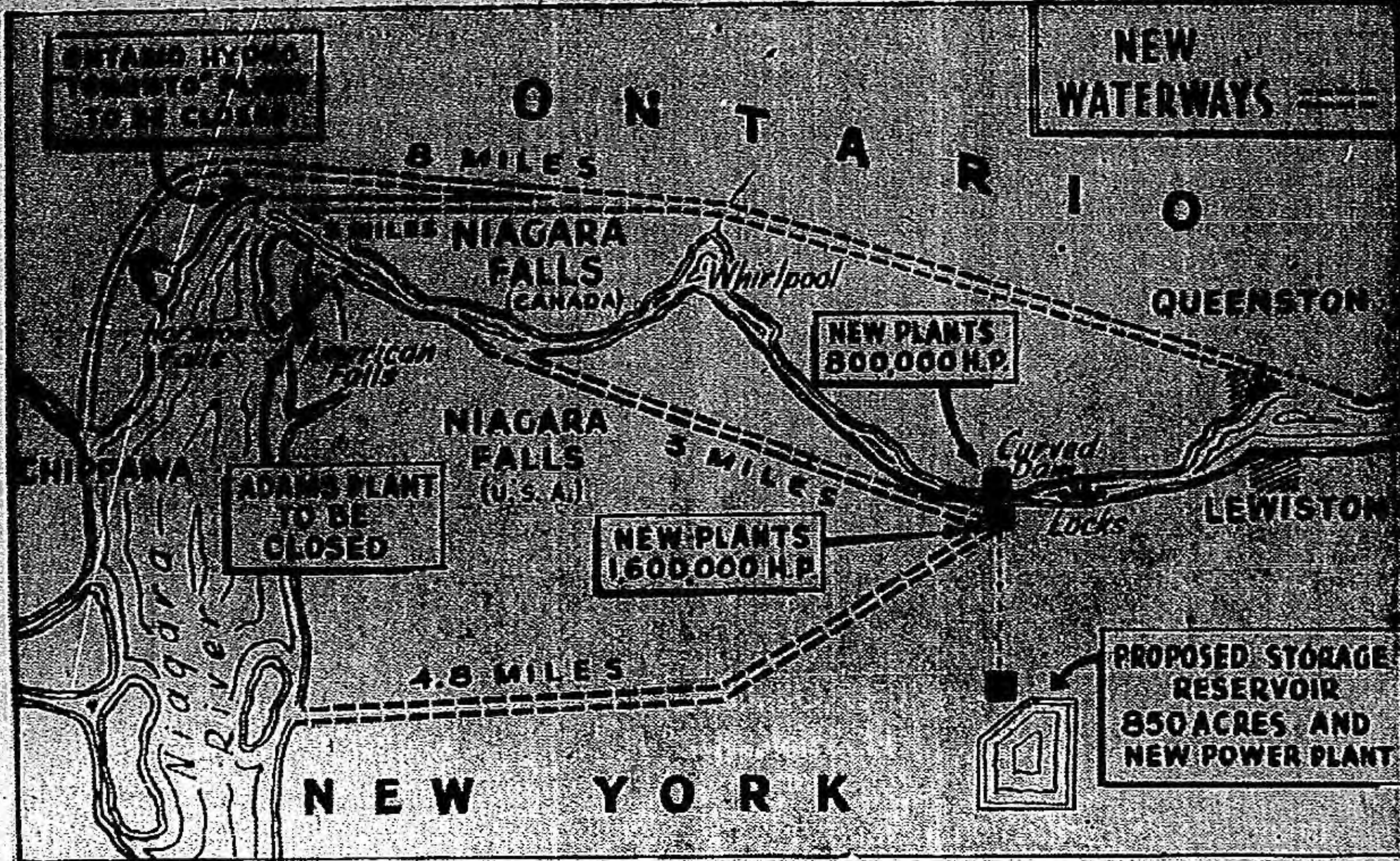
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Development of power on both Ontario and New York sides of the Niagara river of such magnitude that it ultimately will dwarf any other power project in the world, appears to be almost a certainty. Current production on the Ontario side will be at least doubled. Hon. Lester B. Pearson, Canadian minister of external affairs, announced that talks will begin in Washington

on revisions necessary in Canada-U.S. treaties to allow joint undertaking. Cost of new construction on New York side of river is officially estimated at \$350,000,000 while Ontario development it is believed, would boost aggregate figure to well over \$500,000,000. Map shows major construction involved on both sides of river. Not shown is a proposed \$30,000,000 control dam across river near Fort Erie.

Secret Gifts Left By St. Nicholas

The story of how St. Nicholas became associated with secret gift-giving, and even today comes covertly at night to leave his presents, is one of the most important in the history of his life.

Once upon a time there was a man with three daughters, all of them wishing to marry, but with no dowry forthcoming. Sorry, indeed, was their plight. Their father had about decided to sell them as slaves, but the good St. Nicholas heard of it, and filling a purse with gold, went quietly by night to their home. Seeing a window open, he threw in the bag of gold and then stole away in the night. This money enabled the eldest daughter to marry. A second and a third time St. Nicholas made the trip and finally all three daughters were married.

After the Saint's third trip, the girls' father, who had been watching to see who brought the gifts, ran after St. Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness. St. Nicholas made him promise not to divulge his gift-giving and after that he always deposited his presents so secretly that no one ever saw him. Yet people knew, somehow, that it was he



The bell, the world's oldest and simplest musical instrument, is the world's most universal Yuletide symbol. Each nation has its individual symbols of Christmas, but the bell will be found somewhere in the traditions of every one.

Bell authorities claim that Pope Sabinianus gave us the first church bells in 604. The custom has grown until there is no use of church bells so widely known as the ringing of the chimes to herald the advent of the birth of Christ.

In recent years the ancient bell has "grown up" into the carillon, a highly sensitive instrument on which Christmas carols seem to find their most perfect expression.

who brought gifts during the night, and so whenever they found a package mysteriously delivered they instantly exclaimed, "St. Nicholas has brought it!"

Aurora Opens 11-4 Against East Coast

Aurora intermediates opened their quest for the Metropolitan title on Monday night at Nobleton with a nice 11-4 win over Jacob Connery's East Coast team. The brand of hockey, while lacking finish, was crowd pleasing. Both teams need considerable more practice and additional playing strength to hope for the championship.

Aurora outskated the Bluesnappers, who battled hard all the way and produced their best hockey in the last ten minutes of the game. J. J. "Tiny" McFayden, Galt, president of the O.H.A., was present to face the puck with league proxy Johnny Hines acting as aide-de-camp. Harry Morrison, Toronto, and Bob Peters handled the game with precision and dispatch although there was too much high-sticking all night.

Back in Aurora colors after an absence of two years during which he saw service in Scotland and the Michigan-Ontario circuit, Bill Mundell sparked the Aurora attack with a bag of four goals. Bill was teamed with Ray Williams and Tommy Brodie and this trio, while still practically strangers, showed great promise. Brodie scored three goals and Williams, who centred the line and set up most of the plays, went for two.

While only scoring once, the Murray Brandon, Norm Nigh and Johnny White line worked well and might well have had a credit or two on the score sheet each with luck. Vic Meharg and Loring Doolittle formed the regular defence and they looked mighty good. Neither of the huskies drew a penalty and they were up on the attack whenever the opportunity presented itself. Norm and Charlie Taylor played ruggedly if not spectacularly, Charlie drawing three penalties. Howard Patrick made a brief appearance at the blueline and made his presence felt.

Percy Williams scored the opening goal of the game at 2:07 for the Easterners and it was the first shot at Joe Hogan, making

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It was 4-1, 7-2 by periods and the last period was the closest of the night. Jack McKeigan, the colored lad on the East Coast team, was one of the best players on the ice even if he didn't notch a goal. Williams, Lowe, Sheppard and Troicuk were the marksmen in a losing cause. Troicuk scored a fine goal as he battled from end to end with the pack as his team was short-handed and drew Hogan from the net to sift home a beauty.

Aurora: goal, Hogan; def., Doolittle, Meharg; forwards, Williams, Brodie, Mundell; subs. C. Taylor, N. Taylor, Nigh, White, Brandon, H. Patrick, Marchant. East Coast: goal, MacDougall; def., MacKay, Caines; forwards, Lowe, MacLean, McKeigan; subs. H. Sheppard, Troicuk, A. Sheppard, Clarke, Williams, Bourgeois, Walker.

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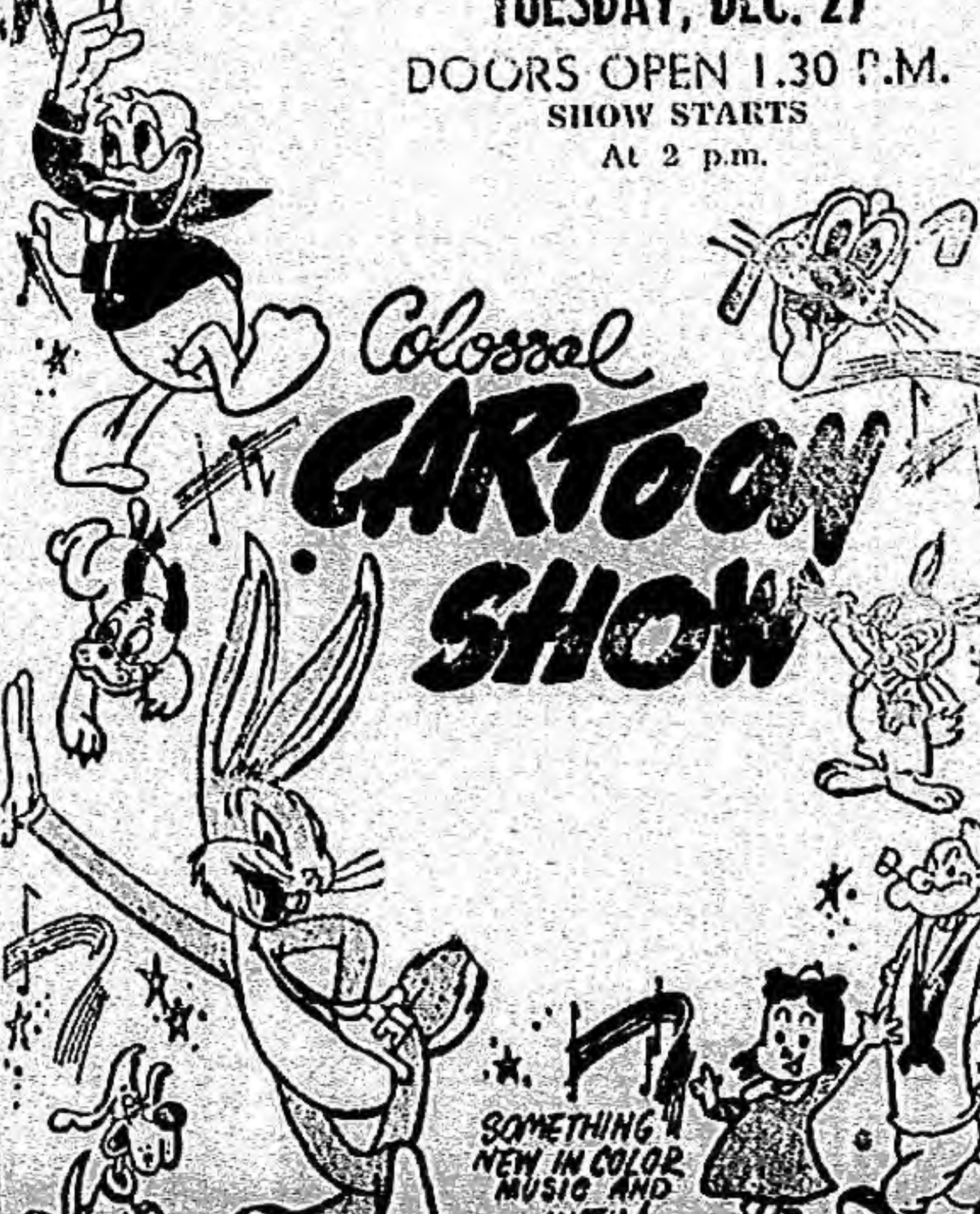
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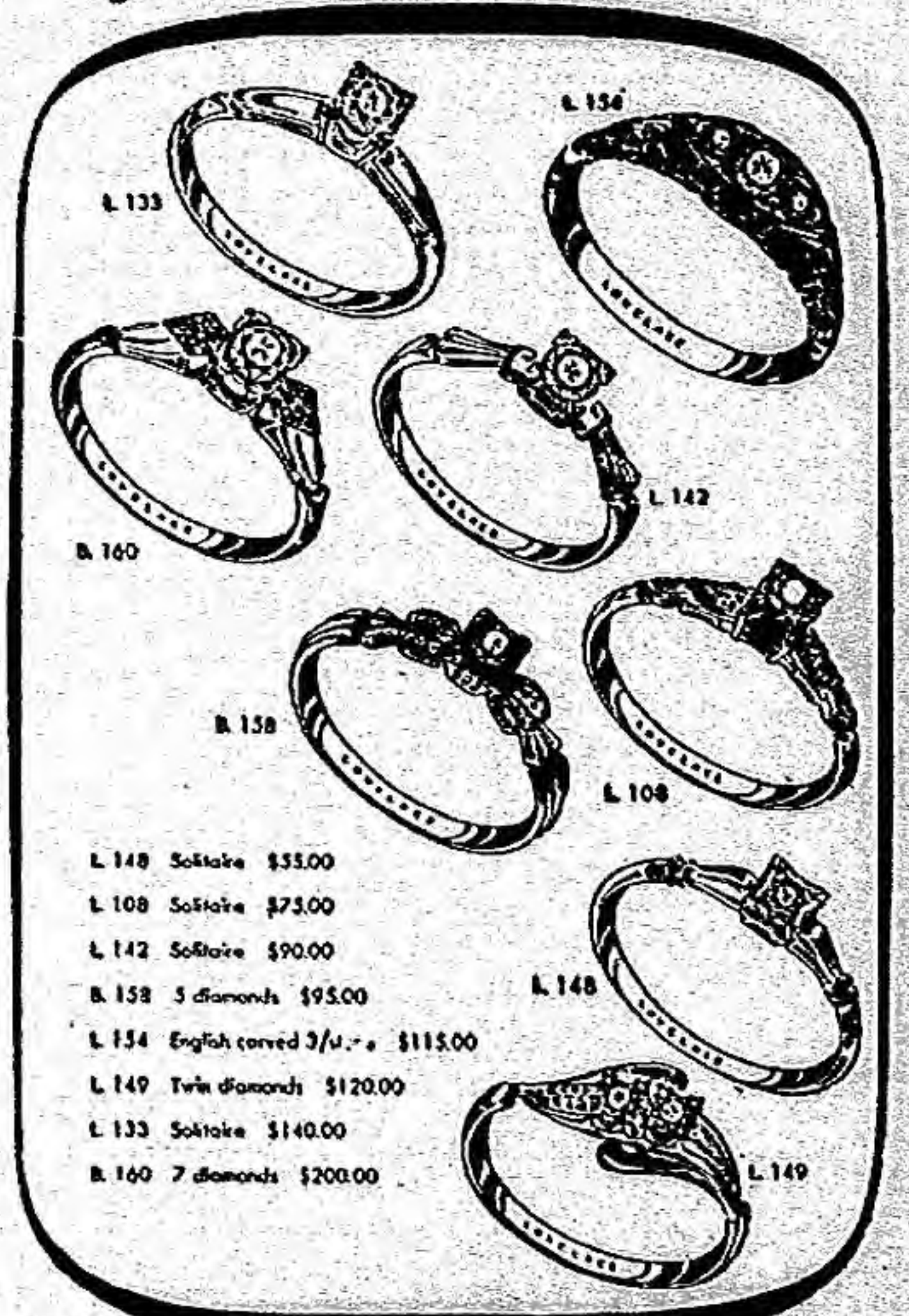
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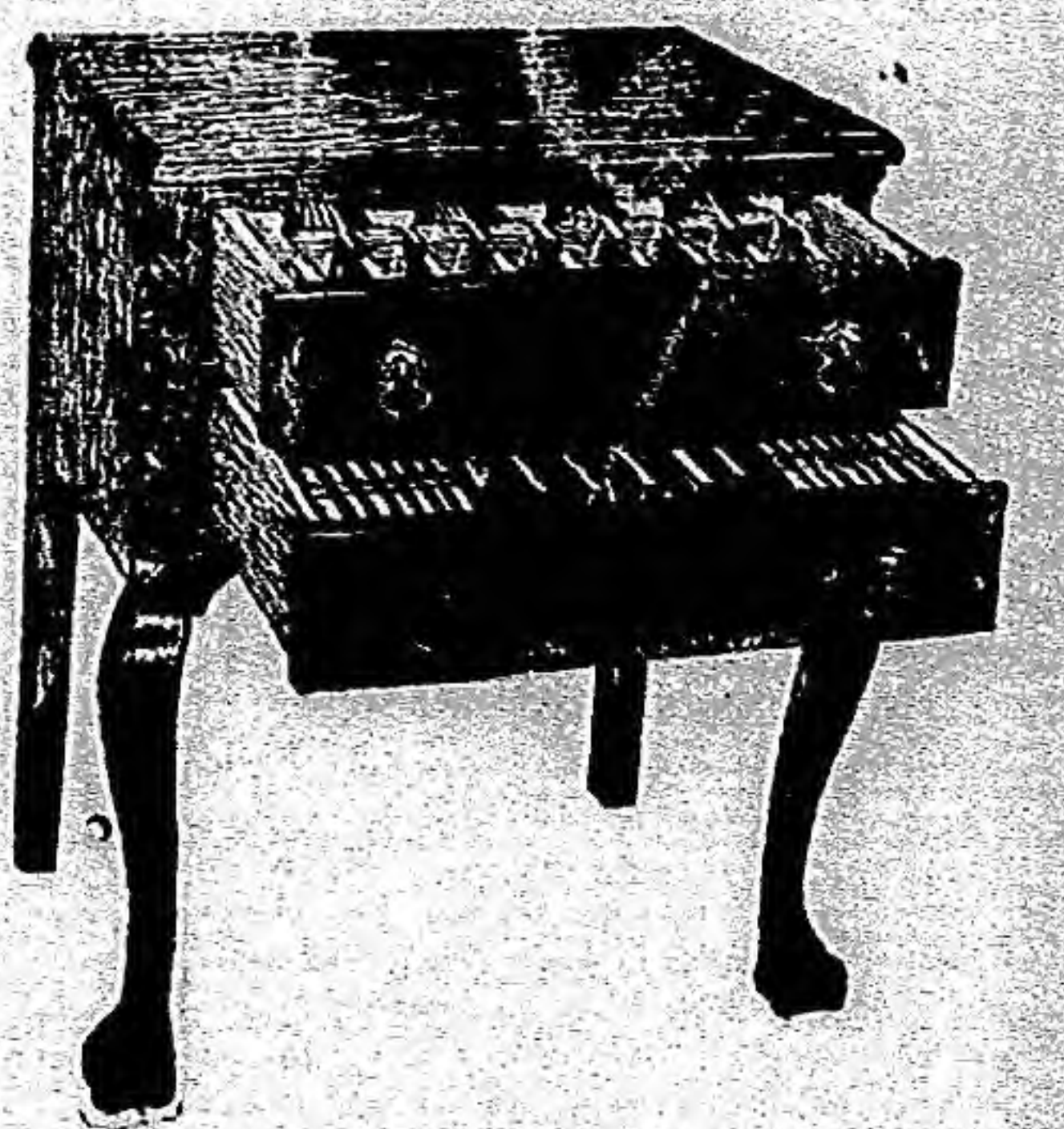
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CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness, expressions of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes during the illness and death of our loving mother and grandma. Special thanks are extended to Rev. F. R. Brecken, Rev. Grever, of Weston, and Dr. G. M. Peever. The Crawford family.

CARD OF THANKS
Having sold my livestock trucking business to Clifford Linstead, I take this opportunity of thanking all my customers for their patronage during the past 14 years and hope you will all continue to give him your support. Wilbert Anderson.

ENGAGEMENTS
Mr. and Mrs. J. McDougall, 58 Glen Park Ave., Toronto, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Eleanor June, to Mr. Bruce Rowland Hesse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hesse, Aurora, the marriage to take place on December 20, at St. Chad's church, Toronto.

IN MEMORIAM

Bellar—In memory of Crawford Ira Bellar who passed away on Dec. 22, 1949.
Your last parting wish
We would like to have heard,
And breathed in your ear
Our last parting word.
Only those who have lost
Are able to tell
The pain in the heart
At not saying farewell.
Lovingly remembered by grandchildren.

Bellar—In loving memory of Crawford Ira Bellar who passed away Dec. 22, 1948.
He is gone but not forgotten,
And as dawn's another year,
In our lonely hours of thinking,
Thoughts of him are always near.
Days of sadness will come o'er us,
Friends may think the wound is healed,
But they little know the sorrow,
That lies within the heart concealed.

Always remembered by wife Rachel and children, William, Lambert, Arthur, Roy, John, Vera, Hattie, Gladys, Isabella.

Fountain—In loving memory of a dear son and brother, L. Cpl. James (Jim) Fountain, killed in action in Italy on Dec. 20, 1944. He has solved it, life's wonderful problem,
The deepest, the strangest, the last.
And into the school of the angels
With the answer forever has passed.

How strange he should sleep so profoundly,
So young, so unworn by strife;
While beside him, brimful of nectar,
Unconscious, stood the Goblet of Life.

God knew all about it, how noble,
How gentle he was, how brave,
How bright his possible future,
Yet put him to sleep in his grave.
God knew all about those who love him,
How bitter the trial must be,
And right through it all God is loving,
And knows much better than we.

Lovingly remembered by Dad, Ethel, Vera and Ross.

Milne—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Frank Milne, who passed away Dec. 22, 1947.

Ever remembered by his wife, daughter Irene and son Leonard.

Thoms—In loving memory of a dear mother, Annie Thoms, who passed away Dec. 21, 1917.

And while she lies in peaceful sleep,
Her memory we shall always keep.
Ever remembered by son Harry and family.

Scott—In loving memory of my husband, George Herbert Scott, who passed away Dec. 21, 1918.

Surrounded by friends, I am homesome,
In the midst of my joys, I'm blue:
With a smile on my face, I've a heartache
Languish, dear George, for you.
Remembered by his wife Della and family.

Smith—In loving memory of our dear father, John A. Smith, who passed away Nov. 27, 1918.

Also our dear mother, Wilhelmina Smith, who passed away Dec. 13, 1918.

A leaf in the book of memory is gently turned today,
Our thoughts are of you, dear parents,
You are never far away.
Ever remembered by their children, C. Edward Smith, Tillsonburg; Walter A. Smith, Toronto; Mrs. Roy Forsythe, Holland Landing; Vera and Raymond, Toronto, and granddaughter, Lillie Connell, Toronto, and their families.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the Estate of LILLIAN ELLAVENIA SMALLEY
All persons having claims against the Estate of Lillian Ellavina Smalley, late of the Town of Newmarket, spinster, deceased, who died on or about the 9th day of November, 1919, are hereby notified to send in to the undersigned Administrator, on or before the 1st day of February, 1950, full particulars of their claims. Immediately after the said 1st day of February, 1950, the assets of the deceased will be distributed amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to claims of which the Administrator shall then have notice.

Dated at Newmarket this 20th day of December, 1949.
The Royal Trust Company,
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Toronto, Ontario.
By Messrs. Mathews, Stiver, Lyons & Vale,
Their Solicitors herein. *2w51

DEATHS
Carpenter—At Lindsay hospital, on Saturday, Dec. 17, 1949, Debra Devine, wife of Bernard Carpenter, mother of Betty, Billy, Marion and Jimmie, and daughter of Mrs. M. Henderson, 125 Westlake Ave., Toronto.

Resting at the home of her father-in-law, Herb Carpenter, Virginia Beach, Requiem mass at St. Anthony's church on Tuesday.

Moorehead—At York County hospital, Newmarket, Monday afternoon, Dec. 19, 1949, Thomas Moorehead, in his 76th year; husband of Elizabeth Sawdon, and father of Ruth (Mrs. Garnet Smalley), of Mount Albert, Fred, of Toronto, Florence (Mrs. Arthur Lepard), Frank, Douglas, Nora (Mrs. Eric Davis) and Gordon of Mount Albert.

Interment Mount Albert cemetery on Thursday.

Rutledge—At his home, 1041, Monday evening, Dec. 19, 1949, Marvin Rutledge, in his 73rd year; husband of Mary Skinner and father of Ethel (Mrs. Harold Kennedy), Carmen, Bruce, Muriel, Bernice, Murray, Lorne and Aubrey.

Interment Newmarket cemetery on Thursday.

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DOWN THE CENTRE BY AB HULSE

Aurora Wins First Metro Test

(See Page 3 for report of game.)

Messrs. Rogers and Foote (Hal and Bill) were wearing a grin that glowed like the nose of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer on Tuesday morning. The reason being that they were well pleased with the showing made by Aurora intermediates in its first, secured the '49 sweaters from Stew. Patrick, and had been promised by arena manager Tom Dixon that next Tuesday night they could stage their first home game, and the first game of the year in the new Aurora ice plant.

The opposition will be Navy Vets. Rogers points out that Irky Ross was absent from the Aurora line-up as were Bill Patrick and Dave Hopper, and that he's secured a new defenceman. All the boys want for Christmas is a bumper house for their first game.

Aurora Black Hawks played North Toronto Lions in Nobleton Wednesday and on Friday night they move into Weston to play Weston Marlbors in what should be a real test for the Mitchellmen.

Next week the regular schedule will be announced and the lads will probably stage either a league game or an exhibition tilt at Aurora arena. Watch for details.

Sutton Greenshirts, the defending Met champions, will present the most youthful reminder of the circuit in the person of Al Carter, a 16-year-old homebrew. Carter, who replaces Bob Winch, has won the nod over more experienced and older candidates and Ellis Pringle is confident he'll make good.

Big Pringle will be back for another hectic season, and he's down to a mere 223 pounds, 35 pounds lighter than last season. Gilbert, his giant companion at the blueline, who was expected to retire, is reported as coming out again to aid the northerners.

Jim Austin of Stouffville has been appointed district minor hockey convenor in place of Leonard Simmons. Mr. Austin will welcome inquiries as soon as possible as the groups are being planned and will get underway right after Christmas.

Richmond Hill kids will have a midget entry this season, and a four-club bantam league will operate as usual. Tim Saul, soft-baller and tennis expert, Wick Mills and all the rest who have been doing such a grand job the past couple of years, are back with their coats off, ready to go to work.

Keith and Margaret Davis, who are stand-out badminton players, are playing members of the Aurora badminton club this season. They participated with Aurora when the Aurora bird enthusiasts took a 7-1 win over Newmarket badminton club.

Frank Wims and the Aurora members are confidently expecting to unthroned the reigning champs from Willowdale.

The Aurora team consists of Frank Wims, Keith Nisbit, Keith Davis, Harry Brown, Constance Willis, Ruth Corner, Pauline McKenzie and Margaret Davis. The badminton club is holding its usual New Year's eve jam-boree at Aurora high school and the tickets while going fast are still available.

Al Dekedebren, the Buffalo footballer who played great football for Hamilton Wildcats last year, was a latecomer to John Stuart's pre-Christmas party on Saturday. It has been rumored for some time that Al would be with Toronto Argonauts next season, and this looks as if they may have a firm foundation. Al missed by about five minutes seeing Dr. Jack O'Connor, Bob Moran and Ted Pundarch of the Argos executive, who were also in attendance, as were many notable football and racing enthusiasts.

Jack Culverwell, who has had a lengthy hockey career and for close to a decade was the mainstay of Sutton Greenshirts, is playing defence for Weston intermediates this year and looks as good as ever. Juvenile basketball will be introduced to high school fans this season. That makes three series, and a total of 30 competing athletes for Aurora, Newmarket and Richmond Hill high schools and Pickering College. The move is a good one as it means a youngster will have a chance to learn the cage game as soon as he enters high school. A steady flow of players will thus be provided, and there will be ample reinforcements for the junior and senior squads.

Pickering College in addition will have two teams in the T. & D. prep school group as well as a house-league and of course the Masters' team. St. Andrew's College will confine their activities to the prep school, but Holy Kendall will have plenty of intra-mural sports as well.

Wonder what's become of the season ticket to your local arena as a Christmas present? With the advent of artificial ice in the district and business managers and commissions in charge, we wonder at this source of revenue going untapped. Booklets at least comparable to theatre tickets, if not for the entire year, would seem feasible.

Johnny Callanan, popular all-round athlete in the days of Newmarket camp, has been playing hockey this year with Amherst Ramblers of the Maritimes Senior league. Callanan was one of six players who staged a sit-down strike recently when players and management disagreed as to financial arrangements. Bill Carr, father of goalie Frankie Carr, onetime executive of Aurora juniors and author of wartime stories, is presently engaged as manager of the Sudbury Canadian Legion Memorial Hall. The hall, which cost \$350,000, is undoubtedly

Spits Down Tee Pees 4-2 In Optimist Bantam Loop

Further action last Friday in the Optimists' bantam hockey league saw the Spitfires rack up a 4-2 win over the Tee Pees. Glen Keffer with a pair of tallies and Bob Wilson and Ron Bray with single scoring efforts carried the mail for the winners.

Bob Attwell gained an E for effort shooting in both the Tee Pees' markers. Grant Morton rated the number one star with a stellar performance in the Spitfires' twine cage.

A note to the young fry: no Saturday morning hockey until after the New Year.

Spitfires: sponsored by Dixon Pencil, Glen Keffer, Grant Morton, Laurie VanZant, Don McKnight, Bob Wilson, Ron Bray, John Insley, Warren Townsley, Murray Flicker, Bill Arkinstall, Dave Pitt, Lou Hookings.

Tee Pees: sponsored by Newmarket Vets, Bill Mair, Bob Attwell, Geo. Davis, Jim Lane, Ken Bell, Jim Cassavoy, Doug May, Paul Hillaby, Norm Smart, Mayno Taylor, Dan Williamson, Ray Gurr.

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SCOTCH PINE Christmas Trees

Attention Of Young And Old Focuses On Church Activity

Over the town floats the sound of Christmas carols calling the people to the special services of worship in the churches of Newmarket. As yet the streets are bare of snow, but the bright shop windows proudly display their assortment of gift suggestions. The twinkling Christmas tree lights are visible from the houses, big and small. The excitement of the mysterious parcels in the closet, wonderful smells from the kitchen and the feeling of goodwill which radiates everywhere foretells that Christmas is here.

As is proper at this season, the attentions of most people are focused on the services at the church of their choice. For the young, there have been the annual Christmas tree treats, concerts and pageants. Candlelight services bringing in the teen-age groups in the churches. White gift services, both for the children and adults providing presents for those in need; musical services featuring the joyous anthems and hymns of the Christmas season—all these are forming the major part of our activities in town at present.

Church choirs have spent long hours practising in preparation for these special Christmas services.

The churches themselves have come in for their share of attention with lovely evergreen decorations, Christmas plants and cut flowers. Sunday-school teachers are able to breathe more easily once more, now that their concerts have been presented successfully for they have given freely of their time to train their pupils for these annual entertainments.

On Monday evening in Newmarket both the Gospel Tabernacle and the Christian Baptist church had special Christmas entertainments. The Sunday-school concert of the Free Methodist church was held on Thursday. Friday was the date of the Church of the Nazarene concert and the nativity play, "Angels of Peace", was presented to a packed parish hall by the pupils of St. Paul's Anglican Sunday-school. Mrs. Jack Dales directed the play. The children, some of whom were quite young, did exceptionally well.

This week there will be similar Christmas entertainment and concerts at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, the Salvation Army, the Friends' Meeting and Trinity United church.

Church of Nazarene Has Christmas Concert

The Newmarket Church of the Nazarene Sunday-school Christmas concert was presented on Friday night before the largest audience on record for such an affair. The chapel and balcony as well as the main auditorium were filled to capacity.

Each class under the direction of its teacher presented one item on the program. A tableau depicting the nativity story was presented as the concluding number on the program by the Young People's Group under the direction of Rev. A. E. Petersen.

Members of the nursery class, tots of two and three years of age, each had a gift for the youngest baby in the Sunday-school, four-month-old Meivin Olsen. Following the concert all the pupils received gifts and candy.

A decorated wagon was drawn up the aisle of the church, loaded with gifts for the Pastor and Mrs. Petersen. These gifts which took the form of a pantry show were also gayly decorated.

Of Interest to Women

NEWMARKET WOMEN'S EDITOR: Caroline E. Ion, Phone 993
AURORA WOMEN'S EDITOR: Mrs. R. D. Hodgkinson, Phone 136

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Record Crowd At Free Methodist Concert

A record crowd was in attendance to enjoy the annual Christmas concert presented by the pupils of the Free Methodist Sunday-school on Thursday evening, Dec. 15. Miss Clara Crowder is superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Between 50 and 60 boys and girls participated in the concert. Their ages ranged from three and a half years to 14. The program consisted of class exercises, group singing, dialogues, recitations and individual numbers.

Following the concert every child received a treat and awards were presented to all the pupils of the school in recognition of their work during the past year. Eight attendance prizes were awarded. Vonda Martin having had a perfect attendance for the year received a special prize. Several other pupils had only missed one Sunday. A prize for memory work went to Linda Shier.

V.L.A. Residents Have Christmas Party

The Home Owners' Association of the Sunny Hills (V.L.A.) subdivision held a Christmas party at the Legion Hall on Friday evening. There were about 50 in attendance. An evening of dancing, a sing-song and refreshments completed the party program.

The members and their wives were welcomed by the president, George Phinister. It is planned that the Christmas party will become an annual affair. The party was organized to give all those who have built or are planning to build homes in the subdivision an opportunity to become acquainted. It was highly successful with a very friendly atmosphere evident.

The Legion Hall was gayly decorated with evergreen boughs and large Christmas trees, the work of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion who had prepared the hall for the busy holiday season. A fire on the hearth helped to complete the homey surroundings.

The next meeting of the association will be held at the local V.L.A. offices, 14 Millard Ave., on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

Aurora Ministers Elect Rev. Dr. W. O. Mulligan

The Aurora Ministerial Association elected the following officers for 1950 at its December meeting: pres., Rev. Dr. W. O. Mulligan; sec., Rev. K. D. Whatmough.

The Association has arranged a series of meetings for Aurora, in conjunction with the annual World Week of Prayer, held throughout the world during the first week of January. The local meetings will be: Tues., Jan. 3, at Salvation Army hall, speaker, Rev. A. R. Park; Wed., Jan. 4, at St. Andrew's church, speaker, Rev. K. D. Whatmough; Thurs., Jan. 5, at the Gospel Hall, speaker, Capt. Bonar.

All meetings will be held at 8 p.m.

Howard Dike

Howard Dike, 4 Lowell Ave., Newmarket, died on December 7, 1949. He was a retired farmer, having moved to Newmarket in September of this year. He was born at Siloam, December 24, 1883, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Dike.

He was a member of Wesley church at Vandon and was treasurer of the church for many years. His chief interest was in the church. He was also interested in sports and a staunch Liberal in politics.

Surviving are three brothers, Newton, Oliver and Archibald, also three sisters, Lucy, Zeila and Annie, with whom he lived.

The funeral service was held at Wesley church, Vandon, on December 10. Interment was at Newmarket cemetery. Rev. Modle conducted the funeral service. Pallbearers were Norman Still, Lorne Robinson, Roy Morley, Gordon Smith, John Petch and Roland Scott.

CHRISTMAS

By CAROLINE ION
Social Editor, Era and Express

"Home for Christmas", just three simple words, but as nostalgic a phrase as can be found in our English language. The mere repeating of it can bring, as if by magic, a series of pictures before our eyes.

The days of planning, the hours of excited anticipation as the trip progresses, the last familiar scenery appearing in winter garb culminate in the wonderful surge of well-being as we drive into the yard and race to the house and the family gathering.

There is no welcome to equal that received by each arriving member as mother with open arms cushions each new home-comer to her ample frame and dad, close behind with twinkling eyes and white hair, echoes her warm welcomes.

And then the tiny tots are gathering under the Christmas tree still quite dazed with the magnanimity of dear, old Santa; the gangling longer-legged ones are bent in concentrated absorption over some newly acquired mechanical possession. Islands of conversation among the older ones appear amid the sea of juvenile activities. Through and above it all is the pungent fragrances of the Christmas dinner tantalizing our senses and later surpassing even our remembrances of past festive boards.

A fire on the hearth, candles aglow before the mantle mirror; Christmas carols; the annual recitations and songs by the children; the beauty of the table decorated with pine branches and red apples grouped around an enormous lighted candle as heads are bowed while dad asks God's blessings for the family—all these combined make the phrase—"Home for Christmas".

Newmarket Social News

—Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Mitchell and daughter, Susan, will spend Boxing Day in Mount Albert with Mrs. Mitchell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Mitchell, and Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mitchell.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. D. VanGorder, Niagara Falls, will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Austin for the Christmas holidays.

—Bob Spear arrived home on Wednesday from Western University, London, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spear.

—Mr. and Mrs. Percy Williams and family of Owen Sound will spend Boxing Day with Mr. and Mrs. John Williams.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smith will spend Christmas in Toronto with their daughter, Josephine Isabel.

—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sanderson, Heather and Cheryl, Belleville, Mr. and Mrs. James Sanderson and baby daughter, Janene, Bowmanville, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Folkard and Carol Ann will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rickman Sanderson.

—Mr. W. M. Mino visited for a few days last week with his mother, Mrs. Richard Mino, and his aunt, Mrs. Frank Cook, Midland.

—Miss Norine Greenwood, Toronto, will spend the Christmas holiday week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Shier.

—Miss Wilma Conlin, Toronto, spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Smith.

—Mrs. Cecilia Burch, who is 88 years old, will spend Christmas Day with her granddaughter, Mrs. Norman Darrach, and family.

—Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Terry will spend the Christmas weekend with Mrs. Terry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Steele, Orillia.

—Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lee, Zephyr, will spend the Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Shier and family.

—Miss Jean Mino, nurse-in-training, Sick Children's hospital, Toronto, spent two days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mino.

—Mrs. R. J. VanGorder, Niagara Falls, will spend Christmas

W.I. Presents Program At York County Home

The Christmas program and treat at the York County Home, Monday evening, Dec. 19, sponsored by the Newmarket Women's Institute, was a very joyous occasion. The huge tree which reached the ceiling with its bright lights and glittering decorations made a very fitting background for the program.

A sing-song got the evening off to a good start with everyone enjoying the old favorite carols. A varied program was presented under the direction of the Institute. Rev. R. L. Coup and gave the Christmas message which was very well received.

After the singing of the national anthem gifts and fruit were distributed to all.

THANKS FOR ASSISTANCE

The Newmarket Women's Institute wishes to take this opportunity to thank all those who in anyway helped to make the Christmas party at the York County Home such a huge success. By your kind donations, there were gifts for all and two bed tables for the infirm.

Institute To Assist In Diabetic Survey

The Newmarket Women's Institute will assist with the diabetic survey in town. At the regular December meeting, held on Thursday at the Agricultural Board Rooms, 12 ladies volunteered to assist with the house-to-house canvass. This part of the survey will begin on January 3 on Main St.

To date an exceptionally high percentage has been maintained in the survey through the schools and industries. The most difficult part will begin with the January 3 canvass, for if the survey is to be accurate, it must present an over-all picture of the incidence of diabetes in Newmarket and not from just certain groups of the population, such as among the school children and the factory employees.

Housewives, older people and those employed at other businesses must be tested and it is with this part of the survey that the women's organizations will assist. Each house and place of business will be visited and everyone will be told where, when and how they can attend the mobile clinic for testing.

White Gift Service Assists U.K. Orphanage

Last Sunday afternoon, a White Gift service was held at St. Paul's Anglican church, Newmarket, in place of the regular Sunday-school when the children brought their gifts, wrapped in white paper, to be sent to an orphanage in England. Last Friday was the annual Sunday-school Christmas concert, which took the form of a Christmas play put on by the children, conducted by Mrs. Jack Dales. The hall was filled and Santa Claus had a difficult time in getting through the hall to the Christmas tree to distribute the presents.

On Sunday evening there was a carol service with special music by the choir. Rev. J. T. Rhodes made a very earnest plea that the congregation observe next Sunday, Christmas Day, by attending the services as usual: Holy Communion at 11.30 Christmas Eve, again at 8.30 Christmas morning, and at 11 o'clock when Sunday-school will be as usual, and again a carol service Sunday evening. There will be no meeting of any church organization until the New Year.

Queen Mary L.O.B.A. Installs New Executive

Queen Mary L.O.B.A. 204, Aurora, held its regular meeting on Wednesday evening, Dec. 1. Two draws were held during the evening. A lovely cup and saucer donated by Sis. E. Taylor was won by Sis. C. Beckett. Three handworked hankies donated by Sis. Maten were won by Sis. N. Higgins. Installation was held and conducted by R.W. Sis. N. Jackson, Owen Sound, Grand Mistress of Ontario West, assisted by Sis. Zuefielt of Richmond Hill. Sis. Free of McKinley and Sis. Lever of Richmond Hill.

The following officers were installed: W.M., Sis. M. Terry; D.M., Sis. E. Ross; J.D.M., Sis. H. Higgins; chaplain, Sis. H. McGhee, P.P.M.; rec. sec., Sis. M. Hodgkinson, P.M.;

Fin. sec., Sis. M. Long, P.M.; treas., Sis. O. Cross, P.M.; D.C., Sis. M. Galt; inner guard, Sis. M. Pennfold; outer guard, Sis. Nigh; guardian, Sis. A. Bice, P.M.; committee, Sis. Mitchell, Beckett, Daniels, Cook.

The Grand Mistress' address was very interesting and helpful, giving much encouragement to all. Sis. Jackson, G.W.M., was presented with a beautiful pair of pillow slips on behalf of Queen Mary L.O.B.A. donated by and worked by Sis. A. Flicker. The meeting closed with a banquet. The tables were decorated with Christmas decorations.

TO MARK ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bennett, Newmarket, are celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary on Christmas Day. The anniversary dinner will be held in the King George hotel with the family present.

HAS OPERATION

Miss Irene Curtis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Curtis, Newmarket, underwent an appendectomy at York County hospital on December 15. She is progressing satisfactorily.

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Anrora Social News

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bridgeman, Toronto, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hodgkinson. Mr. and Mrs. E. Merrick, Toronto, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. Bolton for the weekend. Miss Louise Phillips was weekend guest of Miss Rita Brown, Toronto.

Miss Mae Fry, Reg. N., who has been nursing in South America, returned home this week to spend the holidays with her father, Mr. Chas. Fry.

Mr. Phil Davidson of the Royal Canadian Navy is home for Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Davidson, Tyler St.



The Common Round...

By Isabel Inglis Colville
WE GO TO THE SHOW

It was with a pleasant feeling of exhilaration that we set off Saturday, Dec. 10, to see the play, "Simple Simon Simple", being presented at the Newmarket town hall by the Dramatic club.

I think from the attendance, attention and applause that Newmarketers are beginning to realize that they have in the Dramatic club an organization that is growing artistically by leaps and bounds and which, given time and full support, will bring fame, not only to its members, but its habitat—Newmarket.

One thing that made this play outstanding was the casting, for each character fitted his part as a glove fits a hand and although some portrayals stood out unmistakably, all were excellent. Joe Dales as Thankful Barlow might have stepped out of a Dickens book. If you have read Nicholas Nickleby and have a copy, look up the character Arthur Gride—and his picture will give you the prototype of Barlow. To me, this was the most difficult role and it was played as I suppose all real actors play, with a putting off of one's own character and living in another—only so can a part such as this get over to an audience.

Imma McLean as Sophie Simple was Sophie Simple! Her swift changes from her talks to her husband to her talks about him were done with a naturalness and lack of mannerism that made her audience long to shake her for her hardness one minute and love her for her good qualities the next.

Simple Simon had a role to carry that was almost beyond amateur work, but Don Cummings managed to make it convincing—and touching. I think most of us sat on the edge of our seats longing to warn him not to sign the contract with Barlow. Grace Sinclair as Minerva Webb was most convincing in her determined attack on the heart (?) of Thankful Barlow. This part could easily have been overacted but was kept in nice bounds.

Laurna Stykes as Stella Simple was charming but being a young player I know she will forgive a few hints. I've often in this column inveigled against too many mannerisms. Stella could do with some—use her hands more and face her audience—we liked to look at her. Her sympathy with her father and her pelulance were good. We hope to see her again.

Herbert Dunham as Sammy Simple had a part that gave more scope to his real acting ability than some of those he has appeared in previously. Ruth McCullough, as Hazel Hawkins, although very good, could, we thought, have made a good deal more of her part but she has the advantage of youth, for which there is always a next time and a greater conception of what acting really is.

Vi Dales as Dorothea Ducks-worth, the young and lovely city sophisticate, gave an excellent portrayal—good by-play and changes of expression, but with her as with Hazel, Stella and Elwood Elkins, one lost a bit of dialogue here and there. I know the poor old town hall's acoustics is not what it ought to be, but a bit more head tone might obviate that difficulty.

Kitty Cummings as Sally Ann was good. Her articulation was excellent and her pathetic search for a boy friend and her pert

observation on mankind in general got across well. Bob Mc-Nern as Elwood Elkins had a difficult part to play and we felt that nervousness took away somewhat from what he was really capable of doing. We hope to see him again for the ability is there.

175 Children of Veterans Entertained by Legion

The Newmarket Legion Christmas party for children was held at the Legion hall Saturday, Dec. 17, at 2 o'clock. One hundred and 75 veterans' children and war orphans were entertained by carol singing, films and a magician until the arrival of Santa Claus who had presents for every boy and girl at the party. The Ladies' Auxiliary provided cookies, ice cream and milk for refreshment and as each child left for home he was given a generous bag of Christmas candy.

Many parents attended and enjoyed the afternoon as much as the children. The thanks of the Legion go to the Ladies' Auxiliary who willingly assisted in every way and to Howard Hugo and his committee. The hall was decorated for the party by Legion and Auxiliary members on Thursday evening.

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ROAST TURKEY

Wash turkey after it has been drawn, rinse and dry well. Rub inside of bird with salt before adding dressing. Allow about 3 1/2 cup dressing for each pound of turkey. Pack dressing loosely into body and neck of turkey. Sew up openings. Truss bird by turning tops of wings under back and pressing legs close back against the body. Hold in place by inserting skewer under the wings and another under legs. Then tie turkey in shape with cord, fastening it to skewers. Place turkey breast side down on rack or crossed skewers in roasting pan. Bake in a moderately slow oven, 300 degrees, allowing 20 minutes per pound dressed weight; for turkeys under 10 pounds allow 25 minutes per pound. Baste occasionally during roasting. Turn turkey on back for last hour of roasting to uniformly brown bird.

SAVORY DRESSING

4 Cups soft bread crumbs
1 Tsp. salt
1/2 Tsp. pepper
1 Tsp. savory
2 Tbsp. melted butter or bacon fat
1/2 Cup chopped apple, celery, chopped pork sausage or chopped bacon
1 Tbsp. finely chopped onion or parsley may be added
Makes dressing for 6-lb. bird.

For 10 to 12 pound turkey double this recipe.

TURKEY SALAD MOULD

1 1/2 Tbsp. gelatine
1/2 Cup water
1/2 Cup cooked salad dressing
1 Cup celery, cut fine
2 Cups cooked turkey or chicken diced
1/2 Cup chopped, unpeeled apple, chopped pimento or green pepper
Soak gelatine in cold water. Dissolve over hot water and add to salad dressing. Fold in turkey or chicken, celery and apple. Season to taste. Mould and chill. Unmould on crisp lettuce. Serves six.

TURKEY SANDWICHES

2 Cups minced turkey
1/2 Cup chopped brown almonds
1/2 Cup chopped celery
Salad dressing to moisten
TURKEY SANDWICHES (2)
2 Cups finely chopped turkey
1/2 Cup chopped celery
Salad dressing to moisten
1/4 Cup chopped green pepper
The above may be used for salads, using diced turkey or chicken.

CROQUETTES

4 Tbsp. butter
1/2 Cup flour
1 Cup milk (or milk and turkey

or chicken stock)

1/2 Tsp. salt
Few grains pepper
2 Cups minced, cooked turkey or chicken
1/2 Tsp. salt
1/2 Tsp. celery salt
1 Tsp. finely chopped parsley
Make a thick cream sauce

with butter, flour, milk, salt and pepper. Add minced turkey or chicken with seasonings. Chill. Shape into croquettes. Roll in crumbs, then dip in beaten egg, then roll in crumbs again. Fry in deep fat 300 degrees until croquettes are golden brown. Serve hot. Makes six croquettes.



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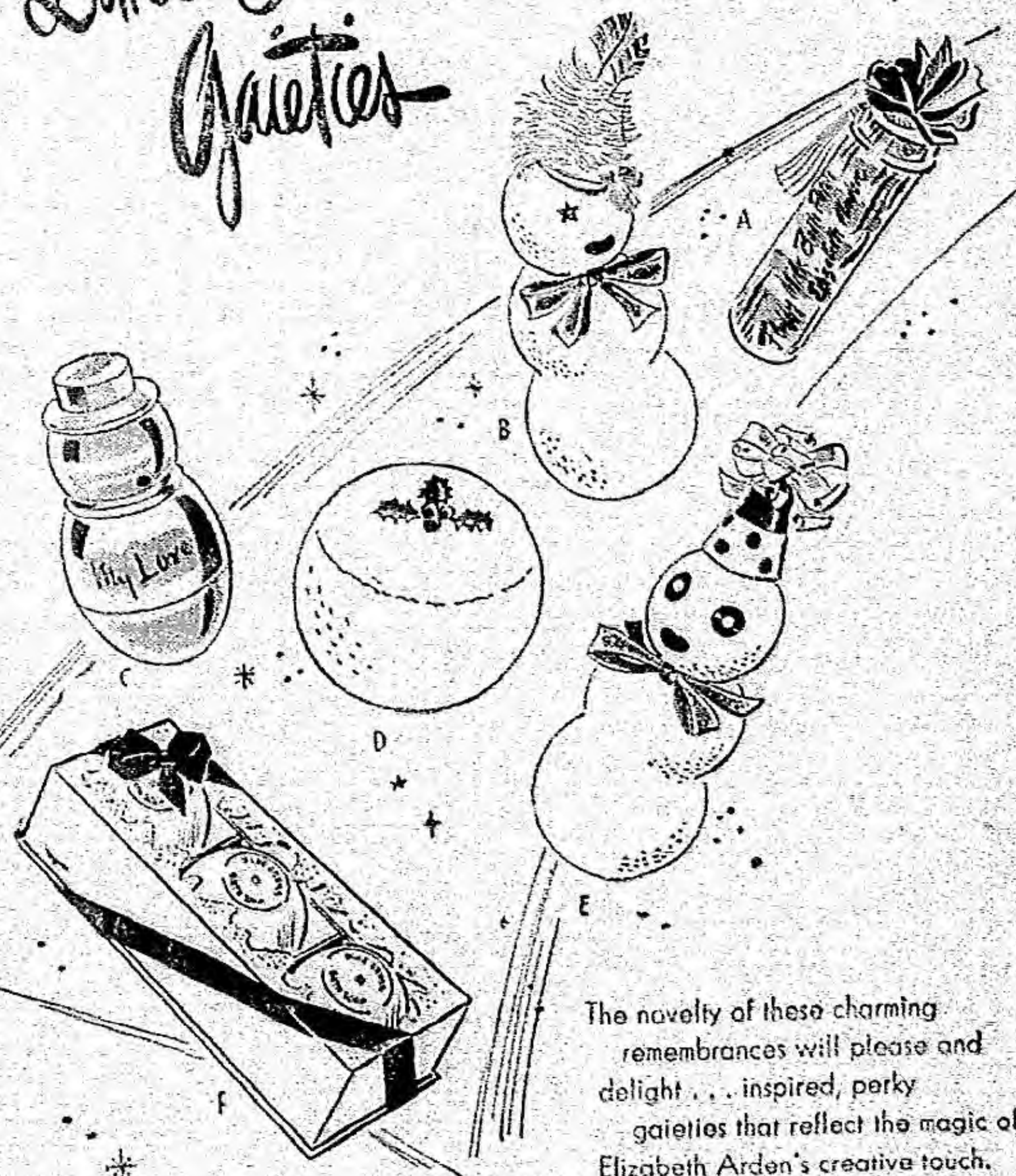
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IT'S A Woman's World

By CAROLINE E. ION

What does Christmas mean to you and to me? Does its primary significance revolve around a decorated tree bent low under the weight of presents; wreaths of holly; mistletoe; or, is it to be found in a star; a manger; the Great Gift to the world—the Christ Child? During the almost 2,000 years since the shepherds knelt at the stable in their act of humble adoration, this great festival of the Christian church has acquired and accepted many pagan practices.

Have we lost our true perspective? Do we place the emphasis on the wrong part of Christmas? None of us would like to see this season divested of its lovely family traditions, its generous giving and its happy memories. Rather, what we would prefer is a more proper blending of the two parts. The emphasis belongs on Christmas Day as a holy day, the birthday of the Babe of Bethlehem and not on Christmas as a holiday, the celebration of Santa's visit.

How many of the parents who troubled to take their children to visit Santa also bothered to take them to see a presentation of the nativity play at their Sunday-school concert? How many children will have the beautiful story from St. Luke, chapter 2, as well as "The Night Before Christmas", read to them? There is a place for both, but again, it is a question of which is to receive the major share of our attentions. The responsibility rests largely on the mother to see that her children hear, learn and believe that the true Christmas story is not an out-dated fable. To parents falls the task of making the phrase "... on earth peace, goodwill toward men" meaningful and not just an empty grouping of words. It is the things we learn in childhood which remain forever fresh in our memories.

There is a sermon which was delivered by Dr. D. McKeigan at St. Andrew's church, Halifax, when we were in our early teens which comes to mind now. Dr. McKeigan spoke on the practice of replacing the Christ in Christmas with an X (Xmas)—the unknown quantity. Isn't that what we do when we allow song about "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" to replace "Adeste Fideles"?

Do you remember your algebra? Let x equal something ... it was up to you to set its value. What have we made x equal in our Christmases? If we set a high standard for our x then we need not fear the new year for our family, or our nation.

Christmas is a time to strengthen family ties; to think of others who are away from their homes and to welcome them into your own happy circle. It is a time of giving without thought of the gifts to be received in return. It is a time when all are young in heart if not in years. It is a joyous season ... a season of "good tidings of great joy ... And to you and yours we wish the happiest of Christmases.

Aurora Trinity Guild Elects 1950 Executive

The Guild of Trinity Anglican church, Aurora, held its regular meeting on December 13 at the home of Miss Eva Lemon. The following officers were elected: pres., Mrs. T. Newton; first vice pres., Mrs. L. Ellis; second vice pres., Mrs. Hamilton; sec., Mrs. Ashton; treas., Mrs. Patrick.

A contribution of \$25 was voted to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Plans were made for a euchre to be held on January 4 in the parish hall.

BIRTHDAY CLUB

Birthday wishes are extended this week to:

Jimmy Ward, Newmarket, six years old on Friday, Dec. 16.

Kenneth James Smith, R. R. 1, Newmarket, nine years old on Saturday, Dec. 17.

Carol Creed, Newmarket, 12 years old on Sunday, Dec. 18.

Wilma Ellen Smith, Holland Landing, five years old on Sunday, Dec. 18.

Mary Anne Noble, Newmarket, seven years old on Sunday, Dec. 18.

Mary Deans, Newmarket, five years old on Sunday, Dec. 18.

John William Marchant, Schomberg, six years old on Monday, Dec. 19.

Robert Grant Lake, Cobocok, one year old on Monday, Dec. 19.

Carol Joy Foster, Holland Landing, 11 years old on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Margaret Ann Kelfer, Newmarket, eight years old on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Fatsy Brooke, R. R. 3, Newmarket, 12 years old on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Helen Metcalfe, Newmarket, three years old on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Murray Hodgkinson, Aurora, 13 years old on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Kenneth Archibald, Schomberg, 14 years old on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Violet Kathleen Smith, R. R. 1, Newmarket, 11 years old on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

300 at Legion Hoe Down Aid Welfare Work

The Newmarket Legion Christmas Hoe Down held at Club 14 on Monday, Dec. 12, was well attended by 300 happy people who enjoyed an old-fashioned evening of square dancing and some modern dancing to Charlie VanZant's orchestra. The feature of the evening was the draw for Christmas fowl. The winners were: Doc Menar, William Newton, Glenville, Leonard White, King, and Mrs. Daisy Woolven, Queen St.

The evening was voted a huge success and congratulations are due the committee on its able handling of the affair. The Legion wishes to thank the public for its generous support. The proceeds of the evening are to be used to carry on welfare work which is especially heavy at Christmastime.

May Christmas and the New Year be bright with happiness for you.

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Black Velvet, Lace And Taffeta

Black velvet, lace and taffeta were combined to make a scintillating dress seen in a Newmarket shop. The bodice was of silk velvet with petal scalloped overblouse effect, covered belt, over the shoulder cap sleeves. The taffeta underskirt swishes nicely for dancing and the full overskirt of guipure lace will make you appear to float over the dance floor. Simply elegant for that New Year's party.

— B —

Something that caught our eye was a Kozy Kraft teapot. These are imported from England. The teapot is creamy-white pottery and a removable chrome plated cosy keeps the tea hot. An ideal gift for Mom or Aunt Mary.

— B —

An extra sweater never comes amiss and makes a very acceptable gift. A store on Main St. had some long sleeve classic sweaters in a beautiful array of colors, coral, blue, beige, red and black.

— B —

Another sweater was a soft blue with pretty gold buttons. This was in the new cardigan effect with three or four buttons at the neck being left unbuttoned. For that man on your list we saw a lovely turtle neck sweater by Jantzen in a blue-green shade.

— B —

For baby we saw hot water section dishes in pink and blue with nursery rhyme pictures on the bottom of the sections to encourage junior to eat all his dinner. This same shop has delightful pandas that are dear to the hearts of babies and college girls alike. They are in various sizes from huggable to luggable.

— B —

Need a new skirt? We saw a very neat heather green mix in green, yellow and blue in a Newmarket shop. It was made with a plain back and double pleats falling from two pockets at the front. Teamed with a tailored shirt in one of the predominant colors this skirt would make an attractive outfit.

— B —

For last minute stocking fillers there are still lots of attractive and useful gifts to be found on Main St. Stockings are always welcomed and we saw a lovely pair with mesh heels and toes—perfect for shoes with open toes and heels. An extra scarf is always acceptable and they come in all colors and in a wide price range.

— B —

A tip from Betty: Fill a fairly high clear bowl with water colored with red or green vegetable coloring, add one tablespoon of citric acid and two tablespoons of baking soda to each cup of water. Drop a handful of ordinary mothballs into the solution and watch them perform. Placed on a reflector and surrounded by evergreens on your holiday table it will be quite a conversation piece.

YOUNG HOPEFULS BY DOROTHY MUIR BOWMAN

Dan's Gift Goes To One He Can Depend On

Dan, teen-ager, turns to one he can depend on in a case of emergency. During the Christmas rush, one is apt to be a little more careless than usual of others. In this instance, Dan's girl-friend was the careless one and she will be the ultimate loser on Christmas Day.

This year Dan had planned to give Laura something extra special. He had seen some dazzling pins in the jewelry store and had arranged with the proprietor to have three of them on display in the window. Dan had even left a deposit for safe-keeping.

Dan's idea was to walk Laura in that direction on their way to the movies that night. Laura would be sure to say which pin she liked best—never dreaming Dan was planning to give her that one for Christmas. She only expected candy or flowers from Dan.

On the particular night of the unusual movie date, and at the last minute, too, Laura phoned and broke the date. She said that she had decided to go skating with some of the girls, instead. So that was that!

This wasn't the first time that Laura had changed her mind—recently, and at the last minute—

but the other times hadn't mattered so much. The other times Dan had been disappointed; but this time he rebelled at the injustice. He argued with himself that a girl who couldn't be depended upon to keep a date wasn't worth his hard-earned money at Christmas time or any other time.

Dan wondered what the jewelry store proprietor would think when he told him the deal was off and asked for the return of his deposit. Then he decided he wouldn't back out of the arrangement. That would make him as undependable as Laura. Dan decided to buy one of the pins for someone else—someone he had always been able to depend on—someone who deserved the best he could give.

That night Dan took his mother to the movie, by way of the jewelry store's window. On Christmas Day, she will be his favored, lovely lady.

People, whose word can't be depended upon, aren't deserving of much consideration from others. Far better to let them live their own selfish lives by themselves than to allow them to disrupt an otherwise congenial and progressive society.

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ELMAN W. CAMPBELL and STAFF

News of the W.I. In North York

News for this column must be in the office Monday night. Copy must be written as briefly as possible and confined to news and reports. Other than routine reports and announcements will be printed separately.

Lakeside branch held an enjoyable Yuletide meeting at the home of Mrs. George Campbell, Keswick, December 13. Various home-made Christmas gifts and parcels wrapped attractively were displayed in answer to the roll-call. Ten dollars was donated to the Hospital for Sick Children. An inspiring story entitled "How Christmas came to Roaring Camp" was read by Rev. Geo. Campbell, guest speaker. After the assembly singing of a carol, Miss Joy Marritt gave a most interesting description of her trip to El Paso, Texas, the land of vivid contrasts, to California with the grandeur of mountain ranges and profusion of flowers. A trip across the desert of Arizona and a view of the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon. Members and guests admired many colorful pictures, folders, etc., also souvenirs and handiwork Miss Marritt brought to the meeting. With the singing of Silent Night, the meeting adjourned. Delicious Christmas cookies and sandwiches were served.

The Christmas meeting of the Zephyr branch was held in the community hall on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 13, with the president, Mrs. Carl Meyers, presiding. The roll-call was answered with a stamped Christmas card for shut-ins. Plans were made for our banquet in January and committees appointed. The hall board members were put in for 1950. After the business, the program opened with a Christmas carol followed with several Christmas readings, two solos by Mary Law and an instrumental by Mrs. Gordon Rynard. The ladies exchanged gifts. The meeting closed with another carol. Lunch was served and a social half-hour spent.

The Christmas meeting of the Newmarket branch was a very pleasant affair with about 40 members seated in a semi-circle around a gayly decorated table.

The president, Mrs. T. A. Mitchell, presided. The meeting was held at the agricultural board rooms.

Christmas carols were sung at intervals during the meeting. The Christmas letter from the provincial president, Mrs. Fletcher, was read and enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Elton Armstrong, district president, gave a very interesting talk on district affairs in relation to the branches. This she called her official visit to the Newmarket branch.

The large decorated hamper at the door was packed with gifts for York County Home. There was a very good response to the holiday cards with more to be received. A donation was sent to the Hospital for Sick Children building fund and a gift to the hostess, Mrs. Hill, at the hostess room.

Mrs. George Luesby gave an interesting word picture of her recent trip to New York. Following this, the candles on the table were lighted and a delicious Christmas lunch was served by Mrs. Luesby and her group.

The Snowball branch will meet December 28 at the home of Mrs. P. Bridgeman. Roll-call is "Something my mother taught me". Current events. Topic is local history. Paper by Mrs. N. Mitchell. There will be an exhibit of Snowball Tweedsmuir history. Quiz. Hostesses, Miss Jean Booth, Mrs. Painter, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Bridgeman.

CHRISTMAS MOTTO

The Christmas motto for the Newmarket Women's Institute is: "Your future lies before you Like a path of driven snow, Be careful how you tread it For every print will show."

Mrs. W. M. Cockburn responded to it at the regular monthly meeting which was held at the Agricultural Board Rooms on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 15.

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Charles VanZant was elected president of the Office Specialty Mercantile Hockey League at a meeting held in the shop last week. Harry Boag was chosen vice-president and Barney Bishop secretary-treasurer. A manager and coach for the Specialty team will be selected this week.

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Sutton vs. Spits At Newmarket Arena Thursday Night

NEWS 'N' VIEWS

By GEORGE HAIKEN
KRA AND EXPRESS SPORTS EDITOR

Finest words to tongue or pen. Hockey season here again.
Sutton "Greenshirts" visit here Thursday night. If you think for a moment that'll be any picnic for the Spits, put on another disc. Greenshirts will come out of their Lake Simcoe lair, minus any Christmas giving and if anything, stronger than last year report out Lake Simcoe scouts.

Johnny Walker, Cliff Thompson, Ellis Pringle et al have a one-track mind on the subject: start in where we left off last spring. How do the Spits figure on stopping them? Spits are better balanced than last year, have acquired a new line of Normie Legge, Don Smith and Bill Johnston. Defense is same as last year. Spits lack early season game but Sutton has had three—a help at this stage. Freeze pipes make for fast ice and should benefit Stan Smith's Redshirts. So we'll call 'em to turn in a win. But don't take our word for it.

Bradford kicked in the door on the Metro season on bath night by blasting the daylights out of East Coast. Score 9-2. Martin's looked weak at the blue line. Herb Commy, Coasters' spokesman, may have it right: "Bradford will be tough to smack down at home." Don Willson, Chuck Nesbitt, Bill Boychoff and "Mutt" Collings give 'em a quartet of high-scoring gents. Help, too, from Bruce Collings, Elmo Phillips, a husky juvenile who looks ready for intermediate wars, and Mike Kulka to supply the attack. Joe Magani, Mike Brinkos and Evan Stevens provide the defense. Did what he had to do in goal well, though he wasn't too busy. "Mutt" Collings did what we hoped he would, stayed to play with Bradford rather than lining up with the Spitfires. Bradford needs a third line to round out the roster. They will score a lot

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ON THE ALLEYS

By PIN-BOY

Legion bowlers continue to top the town league. Their production is 31. Hisey's have 27 followed by Dene Electric 26. Office Specialty and Combines at 22. Bankers trail the pack with eight. Les McKnight's Metal Workers got hot when it counted most to scatter the pins for an aggregate 3,333, a piece of work that sent them home with turkeys each. Art Lauriat's Legion men won the chickens with 3,379. Russell Broadbent (Bankers), Bob Houston (Clover Kickers), Roy Gibson (Combines) and Fred Dillman (Dixons) won the hidden number prizes.

Ella Wilkins was the outstanding bowler with the Monday night ladies this week, registering a 675 triple, starting away with 295. Alice Gibson belted out three nice games of 228 200 and 223 to capture second honors with 651. Other fine scores recorded by Jean Gatti 646, Edna McGrath 624, Floss Campbell 600, Phyl McInnis 573, Mimi Giovannelli 568, Laura Gilkes 563, Marian Stark 559 and Audrey Stevens 647. Snoops and Rookies registered sweeps over the Jokers and Huskies. Aces trumped the Deuces 3-1. Snoops were high team and won a chicken each. Snoops hold the league lead with 24 with Aces in hot pursuit with 23, Jokers 22, Huskies 20, Deuces 16 and Rookies climbing with 14.

Pin-Pins strengthened their lead in the V.L.A. bowling league with a four-point win last week, boosting their total to 33 points. Bruce Calverley's Scatterpins are three points back and John Maciver's Timber-Ribs are third with 28 points. In the ladies' section, Marion Pickering topped the two game scores with 395 with V1 Curtis taking single game honors with 216. Men's high was Tom Sadeski with 452, including a single 252. Lou Tompkins made it interesting in the singles with a 247.

Sheet Metal went all out to nail a seven-point win over Machine Shop last Friday with the Hoffman keglers. Last place Vordone pulled up their socks to roll up a 5-2 win over Press Shop. As a result of Friday bowling Stores lead the league with 45 points. Sheet Metal 43, Press Shop 39, Machine Shop 23 and Vordone 19. Sheet Metal compiled the high team score and gained a chicken each for their efforts. Hidden prize numbers were captured by Jack Beattie and Al Bryson. Jack Duncan led the scoring parade with a big 684, splicing games of 248, 244 and 192 for the count. Other leading three game scorers were Frank VandenBergh 672, Frank Daniels 645, Bob Wallace 639. Turkey winners for high individual marks with each team were Frank Daniels, Bob Wallace, Frank VandenBergh and Les Woolven.

The Thursday nighters came up with some fine scores last week. Florence Callaghan led the race with three fine games of 240, 166 and 282 for a 688 mark. Barbara Wilson made the even 660 followed by Joyce Smith 593, Laura Whitfield 521 and Grace Osmond 513.

Len Burling's team continues to set the pace in the Davis Leather circuit with 64 points, with Harry Thoms' crew next on the list with 58. It's quite a drop back to third held by Geo. Smart's sextet with 32. Walt Groves' men occupy the basement with 28. Bud Pettit showed the rest of the tanners how it should be done rolling up a splendid high three of 757, all his games being up over the double century mark. Andy Cullen pinned a 693 for second. Others up over 600 were Len Burling 679, Geo. Smart 655, Harry Thoms 653, Stan Smith 617, Walt Groves 615.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our bowling friends.

ON THE SKI TRAILS
Perhaps today you are wondering about one of those last-minute Christmas gifts and need a good suggestion—here's one: give a Newmarket Ski club membership. It means a lot to any young ski enthusiast.
Newmarket's qualified ski instructor, Orla Larsen, will be at the service of anyone wishing to improve their skiing.
The new ski-tow on "twin post" hill is just waiting for a good snow fall. There is a newer and bigger jump on the Whopper this year, too. The buses will be running on Sundays to the clubhouse where warmth and refreshments await you.
Membership fees this year will be: public school children, 50 cents; high school students \$1; and senior members will be \$2.
The tow will be operated at cost and can be used only by club members. Membership buttons can be bought from Robert Budd, Wayne Manning and Johnny Edwards.

Hockey School Widely Attended

Representatives from Aurora, Sutton, Bradford, Richmond Hill and Newmarket high schools, Pickering College and St. Andrew's, as well as a number of coaches of the Optimist bantam teams attended the hockey school held at the arena Saturday morning.

All came away satisfied that the arena had been well spent. The ice demonstrations under the direction of Jack Life, former hockey player with the army camp here, covered all phases of hockey—skating, shooting, stick-handling, passing as well as various phases of attack and defense.

In the afternoon the school continued at Pickering College where a recap of the morning's work and a discussion of rules took place. Gordon Campbell, O.H.A. referee, was in charge of this section. C. R. Blackstock, Pickering sports director, instrumental in having the school come to Newmarket, is to be congratulated on his effort. Mr. Blackstock is looking forward to a return of school in the fall of next year. The school operates under the direction of the department of education, physical education branch.

More Sports News

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(and all) May the joy and
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That calls for a celebration of some sort. So pack up your troubles, put away your Christmas shopping worries, leave those dishes in the sink, mother, and head for the arena.
After you get through straining your peepers at what's been done around the Memorial arena you can concentrate on the big game, possibly the major hockey attraction of the season. Sutton comes brimming over with confidence, we have it on no less an authority for the statement than Ellis Pringle and Johnnie Walker. "This is the biggest game of the lot."
Stan Smith has the Spits ready—ready to absorb the shock troops from Sutton and add a few licks on their own.
P.S. The ice surface is six inches longer than before—think you can make it?
P.P.S. Incidentally, this is not the official opening of the arena. That comes later—after the New Year.

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These are, therefore, to make known that in conformity with the aforesaid proclamation I do hereby proclaim
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BROWNHILL

(Too late for last week)

We of Brownhill regret that Mr. and Mrs. Michael Crisitti and Angela are moving to Zephyr where Mr. Crisitti's barbershop is. We were just getting to know these fine people.

Mrs. Wilmet King visited a short while at Brownhill last Monday.

Miss Elaine Longhurst has been ill since the ice party last Friday, but we hope will soon be well enough to eat birthday cake. Congratulations and birthday greetings to Mrs. Erickson, Carol Leitch and Elaine Longhurst.

There was quite a nice party for Carol Leitch last Saturday at her home.

WILLOW BEACH

(Too late for last week)

Mrs. V. Chapman, Mr. O. Patnaude and daughter of Toronto spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Chapman.

Mrs. E. Jacobs and Reta were in Toronto for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Chapman had a few holidays in Toronto.

The pupils of Baseline school are busy practising for their Christmas concert.

Mrs. Fred Rapley visited her folks in Toronto over the weekend.

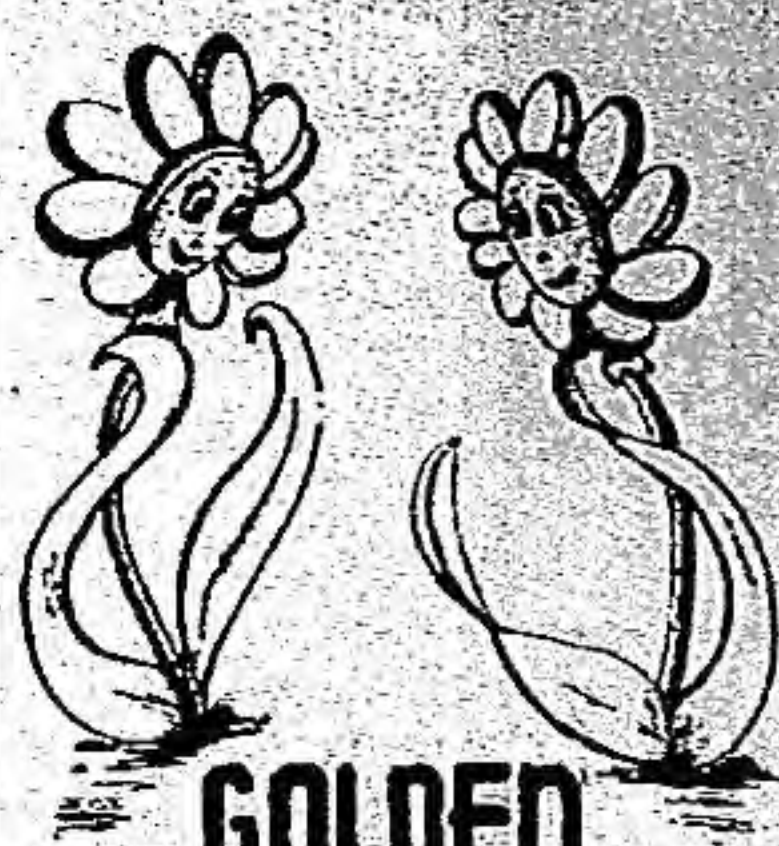
Mrs. M. Sedore and Mrs. D. Magee motored to Toronto on Wednesday.

Local boys and girls living in Toronto, Wilfred Graves, Mary Jean Sinclair, Willa Crittenden, were home over the weekend.

One nylon stocking manufactured in Canada contains on the average 1 1/4 miles of nylon yarn. —Quick Canadian Facts.

Canada grows as well as imports sugar. Sugar beets are an important crop in south-western Ontario.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT



What a feast of god things we seem to be having here in our town these days. And I don't mean good things to eat either, although we have that as well. The shops are full of delectable goodies for the Christmas season! No, I mean for our enjoyment through the eye and the ear! Anyone who attended the Christmas concert of St. John's school last week will know exactly what I mean! It was indeed a feast of good things! From the start to the finish, the program ran on as smooth as silk and then having the Citizens' Band there in their bright scarlet uniforms added so much to the gay feeling prevailing everywhere and their selections were all so suitable and so well rendered.

It was an appreciative audience too, which always adds to everyone's enjoyment. The stage was beautifully decorated and one just cannot say that one item on the program was more enjoyable than another, for it was such a varied program that everyone must have been pleased. And when it culminated in the beautiful and reverent rendering of the Christmas story, we all came home with the feeling that it had been an evening of pure enjoyment.

There must have been many proud parents in the audience

Triplets Born In York County Hospital



Triplets born in York County hospital, Newmarket, last week were the second set in the hospital's history. Pictured here is the proud and happy mother, Mrs. Lloyd Harvey of Gormley. Three children are arranged in order of birth, from left to right, Brenda, Barbara and Bonnie. The combined weight of the four little girls was 14 pounds, 4 ounces. The proud parents called them the "very best Christmas present we could receive."

that night for naturally it was a concert put on by the school children of St. John's school—and they, one and all, did their part to perfection. How I loved the rhythm band with tiny Denise Tunney conducting! Mrs. Tummully must have been proud of her granddaughter and Hilda of her niece for Denise spends quite a bit of her time at her grandmother's home next door.

For the rhythm band the stage was full of the school children, each with some instrument, and they kept perfect time, watching their small conductor as the bandmen watch Bandmaster Greig. Other items were tiny tots playing the piano—Denise being one who also played the piano—a young couple who gave a splendid recitation about why we should be thankful in each season of the year, two small boys played a duet and had us all laughing by getting mixed up as to which end of the piano they were supposed to play!

Two plays wonderfully done—by the girls alone with a small-pox scare that turned out to be poison ivy and another, by both boys and girls which created plenty of hilarity in the audience, especially when the young man vanished when his girl friend went to the kitchen to get the lemon pie she had baked for him, after she had kept him in waiting an hour to teach him not to keep her waiting 15 minutes or so!

I am sure everybody, especially Bandmaster Greig and his bandmen, must have been more than proud when their youngest member, Ronnie West, played a cornet solo, with Jim Hugo accompanying him, and then for encore gave us a beautiful rendering of "A White Christmas". They are two clever artists and Newmarket is proud of both!

To add lustre again to the program we were privileged to hear the prizewinners in the oratory contest of the archdiocese of Toronto give their prize oration. Betty Waley spoke on Fort St. Marie and the Martyr's Shrine at Midland so well known to most of us; and John Insley on Father Peyton, a most interesting character, of whom we hope to learn more presently.

There may have been other items on the program which I have failed to recall, for I took no notes—I depend on my memory alone. If so, please overlook the omission.

And now—how can I ever begin to describe the beautiful rendering of the Christmas story? So beautiful with the colorful eastern Christmas! The shepherds crouched around their small fire—one tending a lamb torn by the wolves, all the light being from the spotlight flooding the stage. Then they see the star, the Christmas Star, and all but the one with the wounded lamb stream off to find the Christ Child. Then comes one of the magi, also on his way, following the star. As they talk, Elizabeth carrying her baby who later is to be St. John the Baptist, comes asking for shelter and help to save her baby from King Herod. Every so often you hear faint music and softly and accompanied by this faint humming music, the angels glide along the back of the stage and take their place with the archangel in the centre. They give their message and again with the faint music of their singing, take their leave. The Roman soldiers come to seize baby John—and so the Christmas story unfolds to the end—a wonderful performance, so beautifully and so quietly done. But the "grand finale" is when the curtains part for the last time and there is the stage completely filled with angels forming a double semi-circle with all the principal characters in the centre, as they come to greet the new born king, the Christ Child who is in the centre with his mother. There is a silence you can feel all through the hall—a hush as of amazement and you hear someone draw a deep breath and you realize that you yourself are not conscious of having drawn a breath either, since the curtains parted.

To me, one of the biggest, the most amazing things is how the Sisters and their helpers manage it all so wonderfully in the limited space behind the stage. How all the angels' wings are adjusted for instance and all the marvelous costumes assembled—how the little ones are taught their parts which they play so understandingly.

I still remember with pleasure and delight when the opening chorus sang about Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, up above their heads at the back came Rudolph himself with a sure-enough red nose, shining brightly and sleigh bells jingling. And as we came home, away up in the Northern Sky was a rosy pink Aurora Borealis, as if Santa Claus himself had hung out the Northern Lights for the occasion.

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Softwoods make up 80 percent of Canada's merchantable timber.



Dr. Crawford Rose, retiring mayor of Aurora, was the physician in attendance with Dr. Don Hutchins, also of Aurora. He is quoted as being as happy over the birth as if they were his own children.



Lloyd Harvey, father of the little girls, is shown here with son, Dean, 2. There have been twins on both sides of the family tree but these are the first triplets in the family. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, father and mother of Mrs. Harvey, live at Gormley where Mr. Smith is a farmer. Mr. Harry Harvey, grandfather of the triplets, is a grain elevator owner. The two grandmothers spent a good deal of their time the preceding six weeks with the expectant mother.

• Good Luck!
• Fine Friends!
• Happiness!
• Good Health!
• Prosperity!

May all these pleasures be yours this Christmas!

HILLSDALE DAIRY
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Chas. VanZant

Mr. Albert To Buy Fire Truck

The town fathers have decided definitely they are purchasing a new fire engine and on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 1 o'clock, there will be a demonstration of one which is being delivered to another town and will stop over here to let people see what our new one will be like.

The fire brigade has been selected and is as follows: fire chief, Bruce Rolling; deputy chief, Dawson Dike; captains, Gordon Young and Morley Case. Each one will have eight men on his team.

Santa Comes

The chamber of commerce brought Santa Claus to town on Saturday and a huge crowd turned out to see him, the ele-

phant and clowns. All the children received a treat. The businessmen are to be congratulated for their efforts to make it the success. It was done by everyone co-operating.

Miss Effic Hayes has gone to the home of her brother, Ernest, Port Perry, to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Price spent the weekend in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart and Jo-Ann Pearson spent the weekend in Belleville with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wagg.

They have at last got a new roof, which was badly needed, on the old school building.

The W.A. will have the Wilkins' Bros. travelogue in the United church on Thursday, Jan. 19. Further notice later.

Remember the Institute community party in the hall on Thursday, Jan. 5, where you can enjoy 500 or euchre and dancing. Proceeds for the Hospital for Sick Children.

The winners of the lucky bas-

Mr. Albert W.A. Reviews Year of Activity

The W.A. of the United church held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. Geo. Burnham on Wednesday evening with some 26 ladies present. The president, Mrs. A. Harrison, in the chair. The ladies have wired up a new stove and put an extra light in the parsonage kitchen, packed 30 boxes of food for Britain, sent \$25 to the Save the Children Fund, \$25 to the W.M.S., and \$100 to the Cherieo Group who is later going to decorate the basement and is sending cards and parcels to shut-ins along with the Women's Institute.

The program, from Growing with the Years, in christianizing the social order, was taken by Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Rate, Mrs. Slorach, Mrs. Shapter, Mrs. Steeper, and the president, Mrs. J. Thompson gave a little Christmas poem, "There'll Always Be Christmas," and everyone sang carols. The election of officers was taken by Rev. C. P. Shapter and the following were elected: pres., Mrs. Arnot Harrison; vice-pres., Mrs. W. Rate, second vice-pres., Mrs. R. Willbee; sec., Mrs. J. Thompson; treas., Mrs. H. Price; pianist, Mrs. B. Sinclair; assistant pianist, Mrs. R. Cupples.

MOUNT PLEASANT

(Too late for last week)

Miss Marion Brown had a birthday party last week with 14 of her friends present.

The Women's Guild supper last week was well attended. Glad to know that Rev. Jas. Berry is improving and hopes to be able to take the Christmas services.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Davidson had Friday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Stiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Davidson spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Selby Barker, Sutton West.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bosworth spent last Saturday in Toronto.

Mr. Dan Mahoney of the air force, who has been stationed in England for two years, has returned home and has been with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mahoney, for a holiday. He is now stationed at Aylmer, Ont.

School children are busy getting ready for their Christmas concert.

SHARON

(Too late for last week)

The Junior Farmers service at the United church was enjoyed by all present. It was too bad it was a bad night because of the fog.

Rev. Robert Pugh, Keswick, spent a few days last week with the Fred Hall family before leaving for Florida for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dixon, Joan and Barbara, Hamilton, and Mr. Ted Fife, Toronto, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fife.

KETTLEBY

(Too late for last week)

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, Christ church Ladies' Guild held its regular monthly meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. Bob Archibald, meeting at 12 noon. We were regaled with a delicious chicken dinner with all the trimmings after which our meeting began. As we had a lot of business to attend to, no sewing was done. Being the end of the year, all members who had not handed in their talent money did so with the result of adding considerably to our bank account. One member made the magnificent sum of \$32 for which she must have worked hard as most of us only made \$10 each.

Britain's average wheat yield per acre is double that of the U.S.A.

Partridge are found in the wooded areas of Canada from one sea-coast to the other.

Hog Flow Price Subsidies Urged By East Gwill. Council

The last meeting of the East Gwillimbury council for the year was held December 15. The United church board was given the privilege of using the municipal hall for church service during the winter months for the remuneration of \$10 to cover cost of lights and fuel.

A deputation of Merton Toole, Grant Oldham and Harold Rose petitioned the council to open and improve the road between the seventh and eighth concessions on the East Gwillimbury and Whitechurch townline. The council agreed to negotiate with Whitechurch council for the purpose of opening the road.

A resolution was passed and a copy forwarded to Mr. Gardiner, dominion minister of agriculture, that owing to uncertain hog prices in the future, that the government set a floor price for dressed hogs and subsidize if necessary to export bacon.

This, the council believes, would help to maintain the buying power of the farmer and also provide employment for farm laborers.

The clerk was authorized to advertise that the road be closed from the King townline to the Holland River between lots 120 and 121.

The council declared boxing day a public holiday.

J. L. Smith was reappointed a member of the Newmarket-Sutton district high school board.

The following accounts were passed: relief, \$507.81; school levies, \$30,627.08; county levy, \$16,745.66; high school levy, \$4,117.21; board of health, \$37; caretaker, \$70; Ross Sturdy (survey), \$28; hospital, \$90.55; town of Newmarket (fire protection), \$60; road accounts, \$377.33.

A by-law passed the first and second reading for the purpose of issuing debentures on S.S. No. 11 for \$4,000.

Hope Hobby Club Meets In Christmas Atmosphere

Hope Hobby club met at Mrs. Cecil Pinder's home Dec. 13 with a splendid attendance. The singing of Christmas carols and prayers for peace in the world opened the season. The roll call, answered by an exchange of gifts not to exceed 25 cents, proved versatile and interesting.

The January meeting, which will be the annual election of officers at Mrs. J. Farr's home, will have a New Year's resolution as the topic of roll-call. The committee in charge reported fruit sent to Mrs. H. Tansley.

Mrs. Allan Baisdon gave a humorous sketch on "Early Christmas Shopping." Mrs. W. Wilnot read "Christmas Card Etiquette" and also demonstrated the wrapping of Christmas parcels. Current events and the question box were thought provoking and elicited much information. If advisable, another progressive euchre will be arranged in January and a suggested topic for debate at the next meeting was "Can Great Britain survive the present crisis and remain a world power?"

CHRISTMAS WISHES

There's no time like Christmas
time to wish all of our friends—
Good Cheer, Good Health and
Peace.

MYERS' ARCADE

Betty Adams, Bernice Barrach,
Mrs. Wall Fletcher, Mrs. G.
Myers and Jennie

With best wishes

... for a joyous Yuletide
celebration and a New Year
overflowing with all good
things for you and yours.

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Season's Greetings

At the close of another year we realize
how important your friendship and good-
will have been to our success. We appreciate
the opportunity the holiday season
brings to say "thank you" and to wish you
A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year

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"strength" of good fellowship that make for a

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GREETINGS SEASON'S

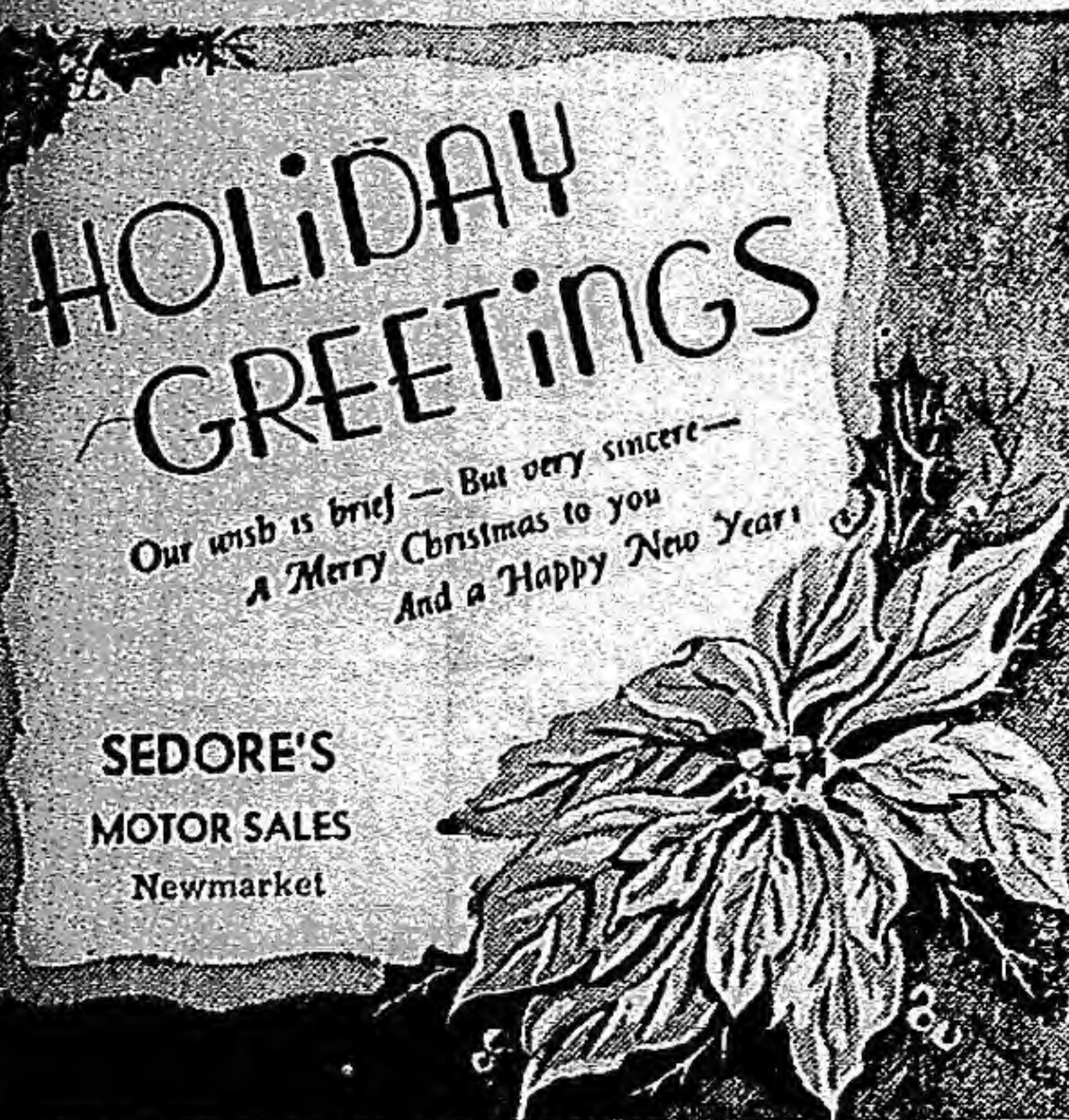
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MR. AND MRS. I. LINDENBAUM

are staying this winter at Miami Beach, Florida, and wish to take this opportunity of wishing all their Newmarket and vicinity friends, neighbors, customers and members of the Lions club

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

May Nineteen Fifty bring peace to all mankind on earth.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Our wish is brief — But very sincere —
A Merry Christmas to you
And a Happy New Year!

**SEDORE'S
MOTOR SALES**
Newmarket



Hope Sottball club, finalists the past two seasons in the Lake Simcoe Sottball League, show off their new jackets presented to them at a recent banquet held in Sharon. Back row: left to right, Longford Pegg, manager; Don Glover, Ellerbe Farr, Bill Brenair, Al Wilson, Don Mitchell, Wally Pegg; middle row: Bruce Townsley, Gord Cook, Cliff Ward, Bob Mitchell; sec.-treas.; front row: Howard Smith, Floyd Pegg, Hartford Wardell, club president.

An Aurora Opinion

By
RAY WILLIAMS
Aurora Editor

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse . . .

Aurora has completely surrendered itself to the spell of Christmas. Enveloping the town, the spirit of this joyous festive season has overcome all other activities and has taken full command of the community.

Like every other town, Aurora is hustling with last-minute preparations and like every other town, Aurora is preparing for the complete relaxation that comes with the Yuletide.

We walked up one of the main streets of the town the other day and stopped to listen to young voices ring clear "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and be thoughtful while those same voices sang

"Away in a Manger". We moved on but stopped again at a store window which was decorated gaily in the green and red of the season. In a few minutes our destination was reached, we entered one of the local business houses and counted seven times that season's greetings were extended to friends and customers.

Again we were walking through Aurora streets with eyes wide so as to miss nothing. We stopped and talked to friends and on one occasion, we were told that there are 22 choirs in Aurora, singing Christmas music.

But music alone is not Christmas in Aurora. There are other

important factors, such as entertaining the children and visits from Santa Claus. And there are the decorations that illuminate the home and change the drab tones of every day to a joyous expression. But more important by far than music, decoration, entertaining children and the excitement of giving and receiving, is the spirit.

Christmas is one time in the year when everyone pauses at some time during the day for just a brief period of meditation. From the Christian to the atheist, there is always some wonderment in every mind as to why this age-old celebration is restored with more enthusiasm year after year and why we can be so sure that in the centuries that lie ahead, Christmas will be always Christmas.

And now we ask you, what is there about Christmas that leaves lumps in the throats of the heartiest and warns the cold hearted? And why is this day brought back annually with such enthusiasm? The answer is simple: the birth of Christ brought with it the unforgettable ethic, "Peace on earth and good-will toward men".

And in Aurora, Christmas is glorious. There are celebrations in every corner of the town. Churches are crowded to capacity. Children wish for snow and on radios and juke boxes everywhere, jazz is forgotten, be-bop and boogie-woogie are extinct and the age-old Christmas carols are heard over and over.

Yes, this is Christmas, and we love it.

So he sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, and away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good-night!"

Santa Claus Visits Aurora S.A. Party

On Thursday evening, the Salvation Army held its annual Christmas party and tree for the children. A program of plays and a film were enjoyed.

Last but not least, Santa with gifts and candies for young and old alike made his appearance.

Season's Greetings

To one and all we
extend . . . sincerest
wishes for a very glad
Yuletide, and a happy,
happy New Year!



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VANDOR
(Held form Last Week)
Mr. and Mrs. S. Aylett visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Whitmore, Georgetown.
Miss Audrey Switzer and Mr. George Bilton, Toronto, spent the weekend with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Switzer.
Several from this district attended the Progressive Conservative meeting which was held at Armour Heights public school on Saturday when Mr. Earl Toole of Whitechurch township was appointed president of the North York Progressive Conservative Association.

Wesley United church Women's Association held its meeting at the church on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Mrs. Rollic Scott, the president, presided. Plans were made to make up Christmas cheer bags for the mission in care of Rev. John Addison in Toronto. The roll call was answered with a thought for service, and Mrs. James Oliver gave the devotional. The election of officers: hon. presidents, Mrs. E. C. Moddle and Mrs. Snider; pres., Mrs. Rollic Scott; first vice-pres., Mrs. Grant Morley; second vice-pres., Mrs. J. Irwin; sec., Mrs. R. J. Carr; assisting sec., Mrs. H. Oliver; treas., Mrs. Wilfred Lundy; pianists, Mrs. Roy Morley, Mrs. Moddle.

Superintendent, flower and visiting committees, Mrs. H. White; visiting committees are: second, Mrs. C. Williamson; Mrs. S. Stevenson; third north, Mrs. J. Crawford, Mrs. A. Richardson; fourth north, Mrs. W. Kingdon, Mrs. H. White; fourth south, Mrs. H. Dewsbury, Mrs. Alf. Pattenden; fifth north, Mrs. Bert Dike, Mrs. G. Sproston; fifth south, Mrs. W. Pattenden, Mrs. C. Dibb.

HOLLAND LANDING

(Held form Last Week)

Christ church Women's Guild held its meeting on Dec. 7, at the home of Mrs. E. Thompson. Seven members were present. Mrs. Downs was a guest of the guild. The Scripture verses were read by Mrs. J. Thackham and the discussion was led by Mrs. N. Mankonen. It was decided to start work early in the New Year on articles for the Lady Wellington hospital in Manali, India. The meeting closed with prayer. Mrs. Thompson served lunch.



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... May the Yuletide season be the harbinger of a year of peace and prosperity for all our friends.

F. N. CHANDLER
Ladies' and Children's Wear
and STAFF



JOYFUL CHRISTMAS WISHES

In the glorious spirit of Christmas—we extend to you—one and all—our heartiest wishes that this Yuletide season will be your merriest—and that the coming New Year will prove one of true joy, health and prosperity.

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Hospital For Sick Children Needs \$4 Million



Here's a boy who had to live in this uncomfortable position for many long weeks. From waist to neck he was horribly burned — his father used anti-freeze to start the kitchen fire. Fortunately the boy's hands and face were saved. He had to be carefully treated in order to restore him to robust health. Hundreds of other children receive the same careful treatment at The Hospital for Sick Children, which, at the present time, seeks to raise \$4,000,000 to complete the new building.

Hospital Serves All The World

The Hospital for Sick Children urgently needs \$4,000,000 to complete its new 632-bed building, R. A. Laidlaw, chairman of the board of trustees, announced recently.

"Costs have almost doubled," Mr. Laidlaw said. "The original plans have been considerably curtailed, but we still have not enough money to complete the building and equip it to minimum requirements. Our present premises are obsolete and overcrowded. Modern and adequate facilities are imperative to meet the ever-increasing demands on the hospital."

A public appeal for funds to build a new Hospital for Sick Children took place in 1945 for a sum then considered sufficient to complete an even larger hos-

pital than is now being constructed. At that time it was estimated that the building would cost \$7,500,000. Estimates today place cost of the present modified building, equipment and furnishings at more than \$12,000,000.

Necessity for quick completion of the building is emphasized by a steadily accumulating waiting list of children requiring necessary but not urgent attention. The hospital has always provided for immediately urgent cases. The hospital is handling more cases than its peak capacity was planned to permit. Beds line many of its corridors and in some wards are squeezed to close together that nurses must pull them out into the aisle so there will be enough room to tend to the patients.

The Hospital for Sick Children does not compete with nor duplicate the services of other hospitals throughout Canada. Mr. Laidlaw emphasized, "It provides specialized treatment for difficult and unusual cases of disease or deformity and in addition carries on a broad research program and provides surgical and pediatric training for graduate and undergraduate doctors who intend specializing in children's diseases."

"One of every three patients comes from outside Toronto, and these are for the most part unusual and difficult cases requiring specialized and skillful care, frequently of long duration. The hospital serves all Ontario. Over 90 percent of the patients come from homes of moderate or poor circumstances, and the rates



Here a young lad is receiving a thorough examination from one of the many kind-hearted, sympathetic doctors at The Hospital for Sick Children. More than one hundred specialists freely give over 50,000 hours of their time, yearly, to the hospital. In the current campaign the hospital is seeking to raise \$4,000,000 for the erection of the new building.

charged by the hospital are far below cost. Doctors make no charge for the treatment of public ward patients.

"We must depend upon the support of public authorities and charitably-minded persons for financial assistance," Mr. Laidlaw said.



Smiling through the bars of his crib at The Hospital for Sick Children is just one of the thousands of children who are treated yearly at the hospital. \$4,000,000, needed to complete the erection of the new building, is being sought in the current campaign.

Newmarket Com. Aids Hospital Drive

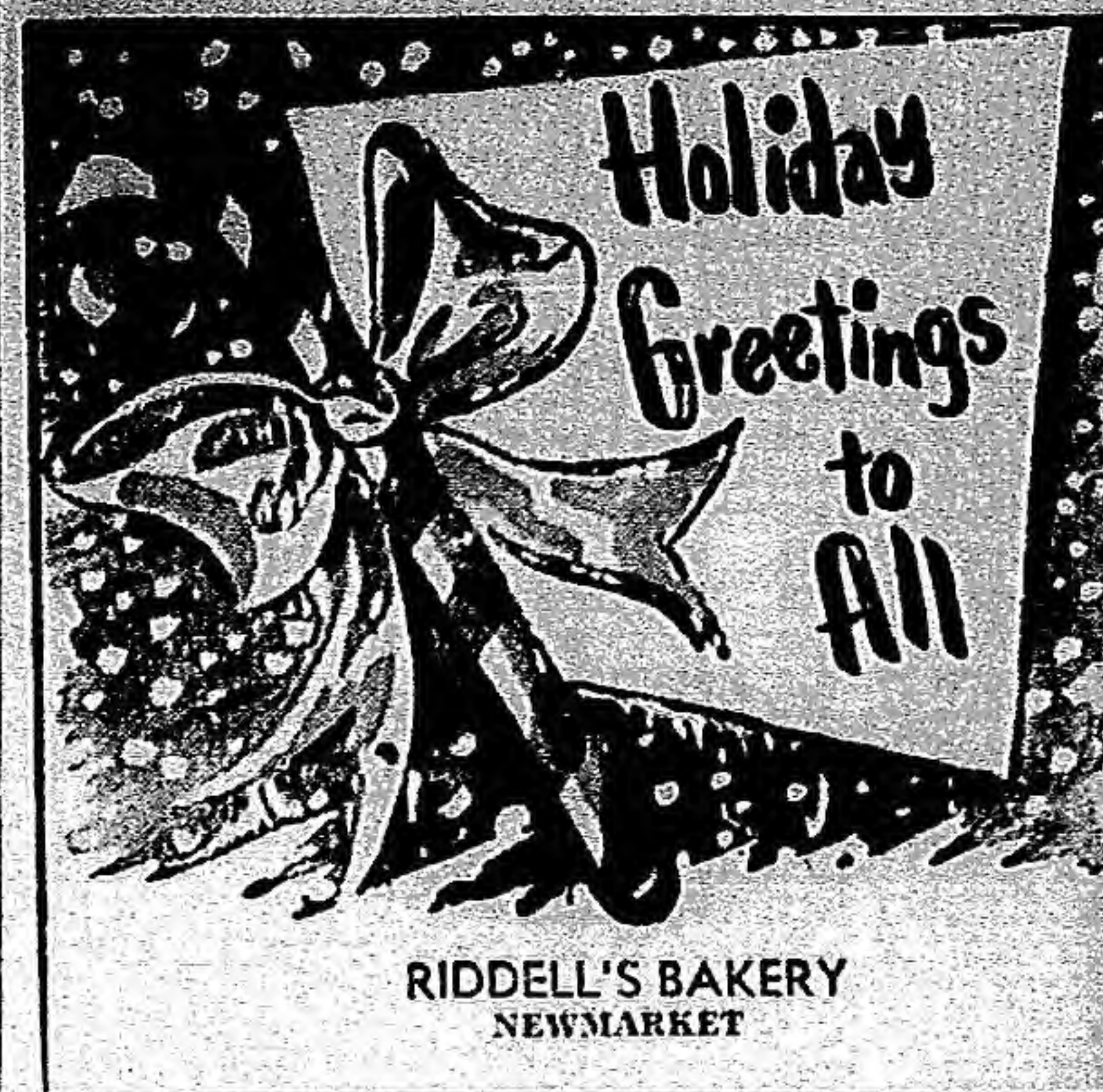
A Newmarket committee for the Hospital for Sick Children's \$4 million appeal has been organized under the chairmanship of George M. Byers and under the sponsorship of the Newmarket Lions club. Other members of the committee are Frank Courtney, R. M. R. Silver, Arthur D. Evans and John A. Meyer. Plans have been made for a canvass of Main St. merchants, through the schools and in the factories whose management has offered every support and co-operation. Already, \$400 has been raised through the voluntary contributions of the workers at Davis Leather Co.

Any bank in Newmarket and The Era and Express office will accept contributions, all of which will be acknowledged through The Era and Express.

The urgency of the campaign cannot be over-stressed. The Hospital for Sick Children is as much Newmarket's hospital as it is Toronto's. Newmarket children by the hundreds have been treated at the Hospital for Sick Children, and because of its services and facilities, the children of Newmarket and district live in what has been called the safest area in the world for children.

The building campaign is your opportunity "To give that a child may live".

Give the Newmarket Era and Express for Christmas.

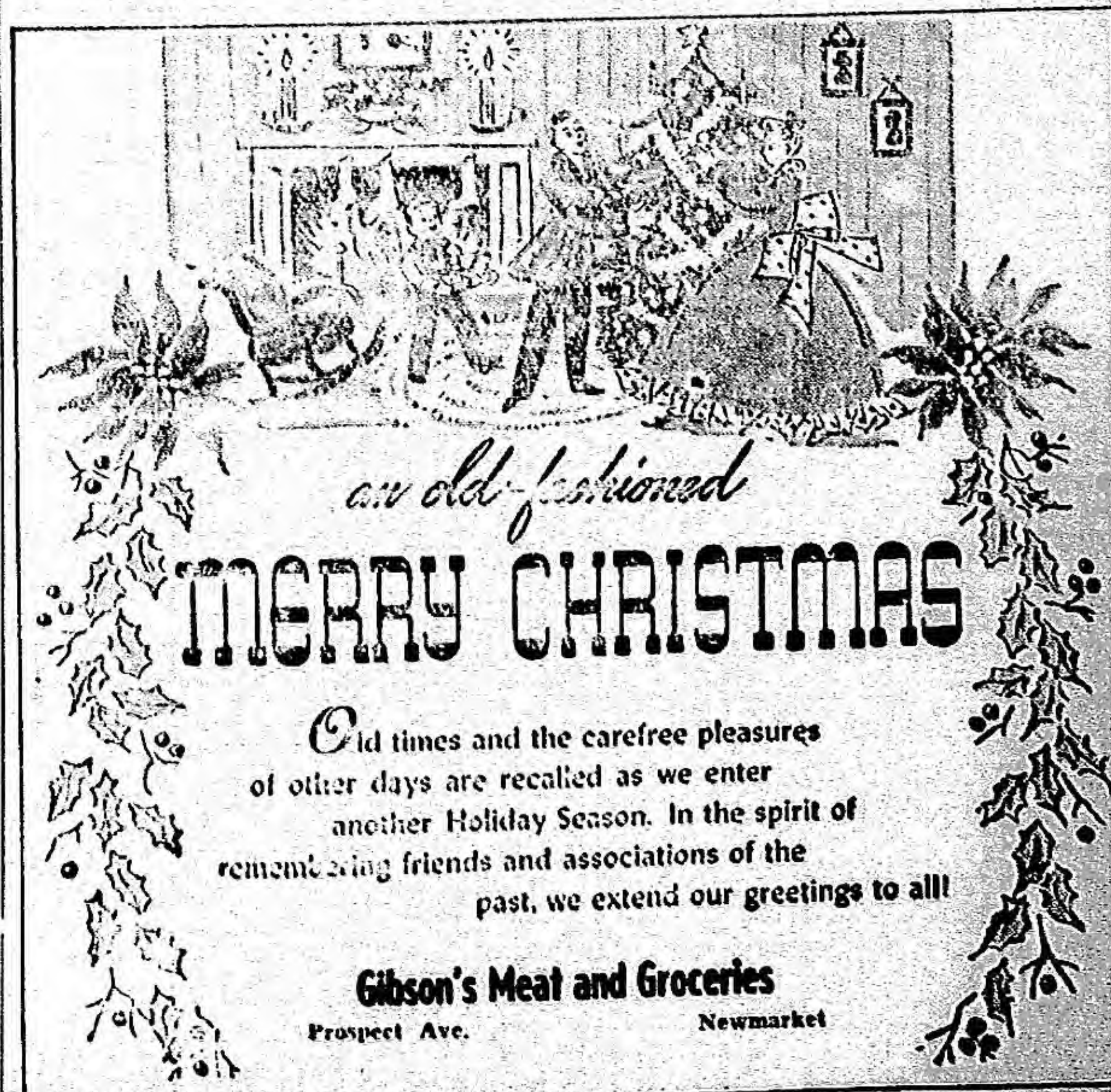


Merry Christmas to All

MAY the spirit of hospitality and friendliness, so typical of the Christmas Season, remain with you throughout the year and brighten the associations you share with others.

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for
Christmas

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re-echo the joyous
words "Merry Christmas", we wish
to join in the spirit of
season and add our greetings
to all the rest. And may the
New Year bring you
every happiness, too!

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400 WERE PRESENT

Aurora Legion Gives Annual Party To Kids

Six hundred happy smiling children were on hand for the Legion Christmas party last Friday afternoon in the Aurora Armories. The climax of the annual Christmas party presented by the Aurora branch of the Canadian Legion was the attendance of jolly old Santa Claus who brought with him a large bag of candies and fruit for all the children present.

The classes at public school were closed during the afternoon so that all the youngsters could be on hand and it is estimated that practically everyone in town under 12 and a lot from out of town, were there.

But everyone was happy and the bright shining sun could not overshadow the gleam on the faces of some of the youngsters present. The crowded Armories featured scores of different expressions yesterday, from the saddest of tears to the gayest of laughter.

Besides the candy and Santa Claus show, there was other entertainment. A dog act held the attention of the children, but it ranked second in popularity to the hilarious Punch and Judy show that kept a complete silence over the large crowd with breath-taking displays of puppet science.

Of course, as with every show of this kind, there had to be a clown and he kept the children wearing big smiles throughout the afternoon with his comical antics.

When the children left the armories, they plodded out like a tired band of soldiers, but they all were happy. They had been entertained all afternoon. They had seen Santa Claus and now they were eating a big bag of candy.

Give the Newmarket Era and Express for Christmas.

GIVE that a child will live
HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN

Victoria College Principal Addresses York 1 Women Teachers

The second open meeting of the York Association of the Federated Women Teachers Association of Ontario was held at Thornlea public school on December 8. It was reported that our Association had contributed \$50.55 to the Exchange Teachers' Fund.

A sing-song of Christmas carols was led by Miss Stallwood, Stouffville. Mrs. Purcell, Newmarket, reviewed the new booklet, "We the Teachers of Ontario", a copy of which had been sent through the Association free of charge to each member.

Miss Stallwood played a piano solo. Miss Barnes, Newmarket, introduced the guest speaker, Miss MacVicar, Victoria College, Toronto. Miss MacVicar held the audience spell-bound while she told of her experiences as a day-school teacher on an Indian reservation on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Miss Hosie, Stouffville, expressed the Association's thanks to Miss MacVicar. It was decided to hold the next open meeting in February, probably in Newmarket.

Miss Maxine Marshall, principal of Thornlea school, served a delicious lunch.

HOPE

(Too late for last week)
Sympathy is extended to Mr. Jim Breen and family in the loss of a loving wife and a kind mother.

Mr. Edgar Rose spent a couple of days with Mr. and Mrs. Morley Andrews after having a month's holiday in Florida.

Mr. Kenneth Neville is home from hospital after having his appendix removed and is much improved.

Mr. Walter Graves, Toronto, had dinner on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pegg.

Mrs. Robt. Graves spent Monday with Mrs. Walter Couch.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dike attended Mr. Howard Dike's funeral on Saturday afternoon at Wesley United church. Sympathy is extended to the family.



AURORA CHOIRS BUSY

Harris-Directed Singers Present Christmas Carols

The choirs of the Aurora public school enjoyed one of their best seasons of carol singing during the past few years. The choir, directed by Ildy Harris, thrilled thousands of listeners with their renditions of ancient and modern Christmas music.

The grade eight choir made a tape recording on Friday morning and this record was played in the Royal theatre before each performance. The record is also scheduled to be played at the start of the candlelight carol service at the United church on Yonge Street on Christmas night.

Tuesday afternoon the young voices of grades one and two sang before a filled grade eight room in the school and thrilled the crowd of parents and friends with their outstanding display of carol singing for so young a group.

Armed with tobacco for the gentlemen, hankies for the ladies and crates of oranges, the senior choir of the public school went to the Old Folks Home at Eagle and Yonge Sts. and entertained the aged there before presenting them with their small Christmas gifts. Transportation was donated by Langdon Bus Lines and the reception the choir received at the home was outstanding.

Twice on Wednesday the grade eight rooms of the Aurora public school were crowded to capacity as two carol services took place. In the afternoon the voices of grades two, three and four rang out in clear Christmas style and in the evening the senior classes, grades five, six, seven and eight, held the attention of another capacity crowd with their versions of beloved Christmas carols.

At all of the carol services held at the school, one of the local ministers spoke briefly to the children of the school and readings were given by some of the pupils.

Besides the music program enjoyed by the staff and pupils of the school, small Christmas parties were held in the majority of the rooms and the students were allowed time off to be on hand for the parties given by the different service clubs in town.

MOUNT PISGAH

(Too late for last week)

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Carlisle and family, Richmond Hill, had Sunday supper with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ash.

Mr. Donnie Hise, Richmond Hill, was holidaying with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Millen, for a couple of days last week.

Miss Leone Tanner, Toronto, was a weekend visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Botham.

KESWICK

(Too late for last week)

Mr. Barton Ward spent a few days last week visiting his sister, Mrs. Mary Fisher, at New Toronto and his daughter, Mrs. Geo. Gall, at Weston.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Galloway and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Galloway were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Alder on Saturday evening.

The Keswick United church W.M.S. was entertained at the manse on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

The worship service was in the charge of Mrs. Frank Marritt and Mrs. Perry White, Sr. Rev. Mr. Campbell conducted the election and installation of officers for the coming year: hon. pres., Mrs. Geo. Campbell; past pres., Miss Eva Gilroy; pres., Mrs. Frank Marritt; first vice pres., Mrs. Perry White, Sr.; second vice pres., Mrs. P. W. Mahoney; recording sec., Mrs. Arthur, Sr.; treas., Mrs. Geo. White; Christian stewardship sec., Mrs. Geo. Campbell; community friendship sec., Mrs. Cecil Grant, assisted by Mrs. Waldon, Mrs. Carl Morton, Mrs. Jack Gable; associate member sec., Mrs. O. A. King; assisted by Mrs. Milford Rye and Mrs. Jack Baines. Supply secretaries Mrs. Jim Cole and Mrs. Hopkins assisted by Mrs. O. M. Huntley and Mrs. Gordon Harper; temperance secretary, Mrs. D. McGentry; Missionary Monthly and World Friends sec., Mrs. T. Johnston and Mrs. Art Pollock; baby band and C.G.I.T. leaders to be announced later.

Mrs. Sidney Kettell was a Sunday dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Fairbairn.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Latimer were entertained at dinner Monday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Exar Van Norman, the occasion, Mr. Latimer's birthday.

Miss Patti Connell and Mr. Jack Adams were weekend guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Connell.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Galloway have moved to St. Thomas.

Miss Myrtle Lloyd, Toronto, has been visiting at her aunt's Miss Lynn Marritt.

Mrs. Harley Morton and daughter have returned home after visiting relatives in Toronto.

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Sorry to report Mrs. Georg Yeats still on the sick list.

Cooks Bay, which had froze over, broke up with the mild rainy weekend and has piled the ice up in spots around the shore. Nearly all our snow had disappeared by Monday.

Mr. Jim Munro is doing jury duty in Toronto.



And to you—our friends—we make a toast for

happiness and well-being during the coming holiday season.

With the deep-felt wish that this may be the merriest, cheeriest

Christmas of them all! And that the coming fifty-two weeks of the

New Year give you and yours health, joy and prosperity.

JACK FRASER'S STORES

Newmarket, Ont.

St. John's Presents Annual Concert

St. John's school staged its annual concert before a large and appreciative audience on December 12 in the Newmarket town hall. The stage was beautifully decorated in white with appropriate Christmas decorations, scrolls and poinsettia. The Newmarket Citizens' Band graciously volunteered to entertain the audience before the program began and during the interludes. Their renditions of the beloved Christmas carols and old time favorites were highlights in the evening's performance.

Bob Doyle acted as chairman. The program included: two choruses by the senior pupils, "Noel" and "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer"; recitation, "A Seasonal Prayer", by Kenneth Cassavoy; rhythm band selections under the baton of Denise Tunney; four junior musicians, Paul Forhan, Barry Buckler, Catharine Gibson and Denise Tunney entertained with piano selections; Eight junior pupils, Karen Taylor, Patricia Cullen, Catharine West, Susan Doyle, Mary Stevens, Nancy Walsh, Catharine Folkes and Anne Daly presented a graceful dance number;

Betty Daly and John Insley, contestants in the recent C.Y.O. oratorical contest for the archdiocese of Toronto, delivered in

Last Art Revived In U.K. Time Christmas Bells

Many lands will hear the Christmas message ring on bells which owe their tunefulness and beauty to a "lost art". Ancient craftsmen knew the secret of true harmonic tuning, but for a long period the formula was lost. Much experiment was made to rediscover the skill of accurate tuning, but not until about 30 years ago was the lost art finally found again in the bell foundries of Britain, giving her supremacy throughout the world in the making of bells.

One foundry alone in London has made bells for Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Union of South Africa, Palestine, Argentina, the West Indies, Egypt, Persia, Holland, Belgium and Malta. Old bells have been sent to Britain from many lands to be retuned according to the rediscovered formula, which has since been improved upon. Tuning is still the most important process in bell-making.

neth Cassavoy, Bob Wilson, Murray Young, Sam Bondi and Billy Cain; heavenly messengers, Patricia Quinn, Margaret O'Halloran, Maria Brenk, Rosalie Ross and Betty Daly; Blessed Virgin, Roxie West; St. Joseph, Barry Sweeney; Christ Child, Cecile Raymond.

The tableau of singing angels around the Manger Babe was a scene of great beauty long to be remembered by those present.

19 DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Late Stephen Leacock At His Best

By STEPHEN LEACOCK

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Let me say right at the start that I am just devoted to Christmas—Merry Christmas—no time in the year like it! It's all brightness and light and Christmas trees with candles and holly berries—with little children dancing in a ring and everyone pretending to be a first class real fellow, and pretty nearly succeeding in it.

I was brought up on it, weren't you? It was a sort of family tradition—house all hung with mottoes of Merry Xmas, and cotton wool and red flannel. You had all that in your family too, didn't you? And your brother Dick always gave your brother, just the same as the one Dick gave Jim, and your mother paid for both of them, didn't she? So as to teach the children to be generous.

Quite so, and in that case you'll agree with me that of all the side issues and extras that go with Christmas and make it what it is, there isn't one that for warmth and character is in it with Christmas shopping! The pleasure of anticipation, that warm glow about the heart, eh! That joy in generous giving far ahead of getting anything for yourself. That's you, isn't it? Yes, I'm sure it is.

Doesn't it get you? Anyway

I want to have my say and give my advice about it, even if it is largely made up of "don'ts", and of warning you what not to do.

First—be careful about that idea of starting Christmas shopping early in the year, right back in January or February when things are being sold off. I tried that out a year or so ago. There's nothing in it.

I went downtown in January and picked up a bird cage . . . and a pair of braces (boy's size). I admit the things were cheap. The bird cage was only 80 cents and it was worth eight dollars. The man in the shop admitted this himself. But it's been no good to me. I know no one with a bird. People don't seem to keep birds now. Yet this is a fine cage, big enough for a penguin, with a bar for it to swing on and little spaces where you put in food and water, and other little spaces where you take out whatever you take out. Too bad, I can't use it. I may offer it in a raffle for a charity. . . . However, let it go. . . .

The other item was the braces—60 cents and worth \$2—suitable for a boy 15, but with a little wheel to jack them up to a boy of 16. Boys grow so fast—all mothers and fathers will get the idea of that little wheel. But I want to speak about these 60-cent braces, and I want to speak seriously and especially to moth-

ers and fathers. That's no present to give to a boy, and you know it! You don't understand me? Oh, yes, you do. You've no right to give a boy something useful—something he's got to have. To give a boy for Christmas a pair of braces, or six collars, or an overcoat or a pair of winter mitts or anything that's useful and that he has to have and that you've got to buy for him sooner or later, is just a low-down trick unworthy of the spirit of Christmas.

When a boy thinks of Christmas he knows just what he wants. I mean not the particular thing, but the kind of properties and qualities that it's got to have. It has to be something more or less mechanical, more or less mysterious, with either wheels in it or electricity, a something that "goes"—you know what I mean.

Those braces—I never gave them away. I have them still. As I stood with them in my hand, thinking where to send them, my mind conjured up a picture of how I felt, long ago, over 60 years ago, when I opened my stocking one Christmas and found, all wrapped up in boxes and parcels that might have been filled with magic, just such junk as that. There was a little round hard box with a tight lid that might have turned out to be magic music, or God knows what

Betty Daly Reaches Finals In Oratoricals

Betty Daly, a grade seven student of St. John's school, won first place in the girls' preliminary contest in oratory sponsored by the C.Y.O. of the archdiocese of Toronto. This victory enabled Betty to enter the finals held in Toronto on December 9 when she was presented with a silver trophy and a cheque. Betty's topic was Fort Ste. Marie.

—for a child's imagination outstrips reality—but it was only collars. I had hard work to choke back tears. And after that—flat and long and mysterious held—why, anything! Derringer pistols, Cherokee daggers, anything—but did it? No. It had a pair of braces just like these, wheel and all. That broke me down.

There is no blame; all parents do it, must do it, in such a crowded family as ours was, with a census that went up each year.

Give those braces away? No, sir. Give them to some poor child? No, sir. There is no child so poor that I should wish that evil gift upon him. I wear those braces myself, wheel and all, between the shoulder blades, as a monk wears a hair shirt, to remind me of the true spirit of Christmas.

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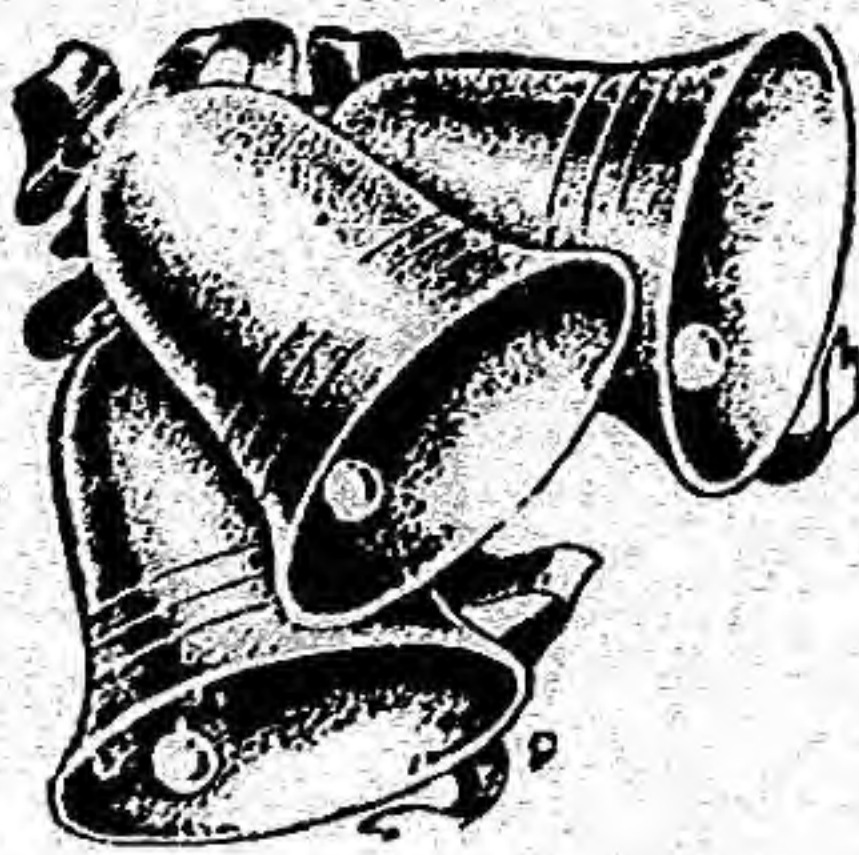
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